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PLUS: THE DRAMATIC CONCLUSION TO:
MY ENEMY'S ENEMY...
30 YEARS
X-MEN
1963-1993

BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, STUDENT PETER PARKER GAINED THE PROPORTIONATE STRENGTH AND AGILITY OF AN ARACHNID! ARMED WITH HIS WONDROUS WEB-SHOOTERS, THE RELUCTANT SUPER HERO STRUGGLES WITH SINISTER SUPER-VILLAINS, MAKING ENDS MEET, AND MAINTAINING SOME SEMBLANCE OF A NORMAL LIFE!

Stan Lee PRESENTS: # WEB OF SPIDER-MAN™

TO FILL THE POWER VACUUM LEFT BY THE DOWNFALL OF THE KINGPIN OF CRIME HIMSELF...
...NEW YORK CITY HAS ONCE AGAIN BECOME A RAGING BATTLEGROUND FOR WARRING FACTIONS OF THE UNDERWORLD.
DRAGON MAN, DREADNOUGHT, AND THE SUPER-ADAPTOID WILL NOT BE STOPPED, SPIDER-MAN--
--UNTIL THEY'VE PURGED THE FOREIGNER'S OFFICE OF ALL EVIDENCE INCRIMINATING TO THE NEW ENFORCERS.
I SUGGEST YOU CHECK INTO THAT COUGH AT THE PRISON INFIRMARY, VANISHER...
...AFTER THE DOCTORS ARE FINISHED PATCHING UP YOUR SO-CALLED PARTNERS-IN-CRIME.
ACTUALLY, HERO, THE EEL AND BLITZ HAVE TO COME HOME NOW...
...AND I'M JUST THE DESIGNATED DRIVER.
OVER MY--
--DEAD BODY?
FWACK!

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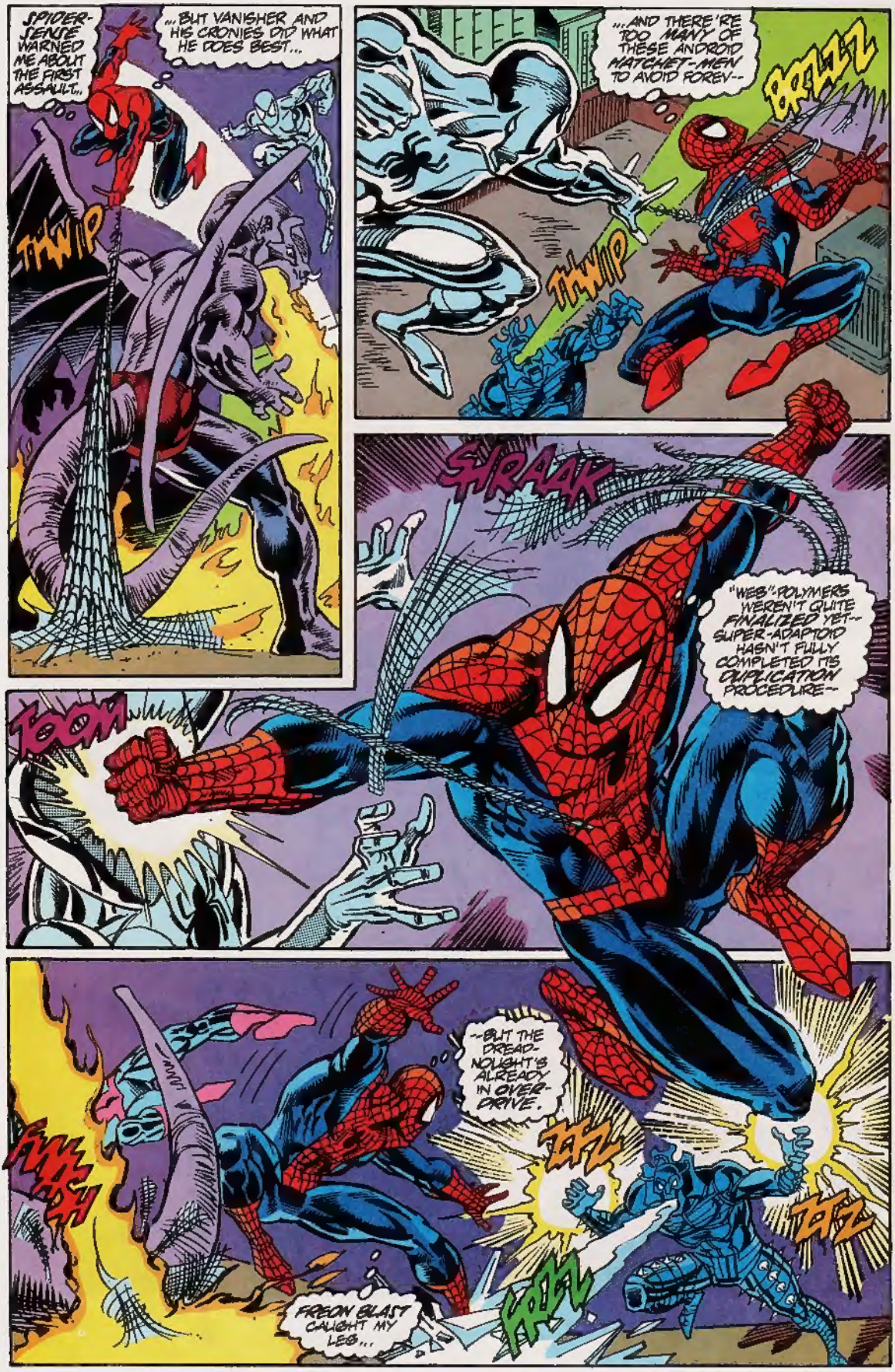
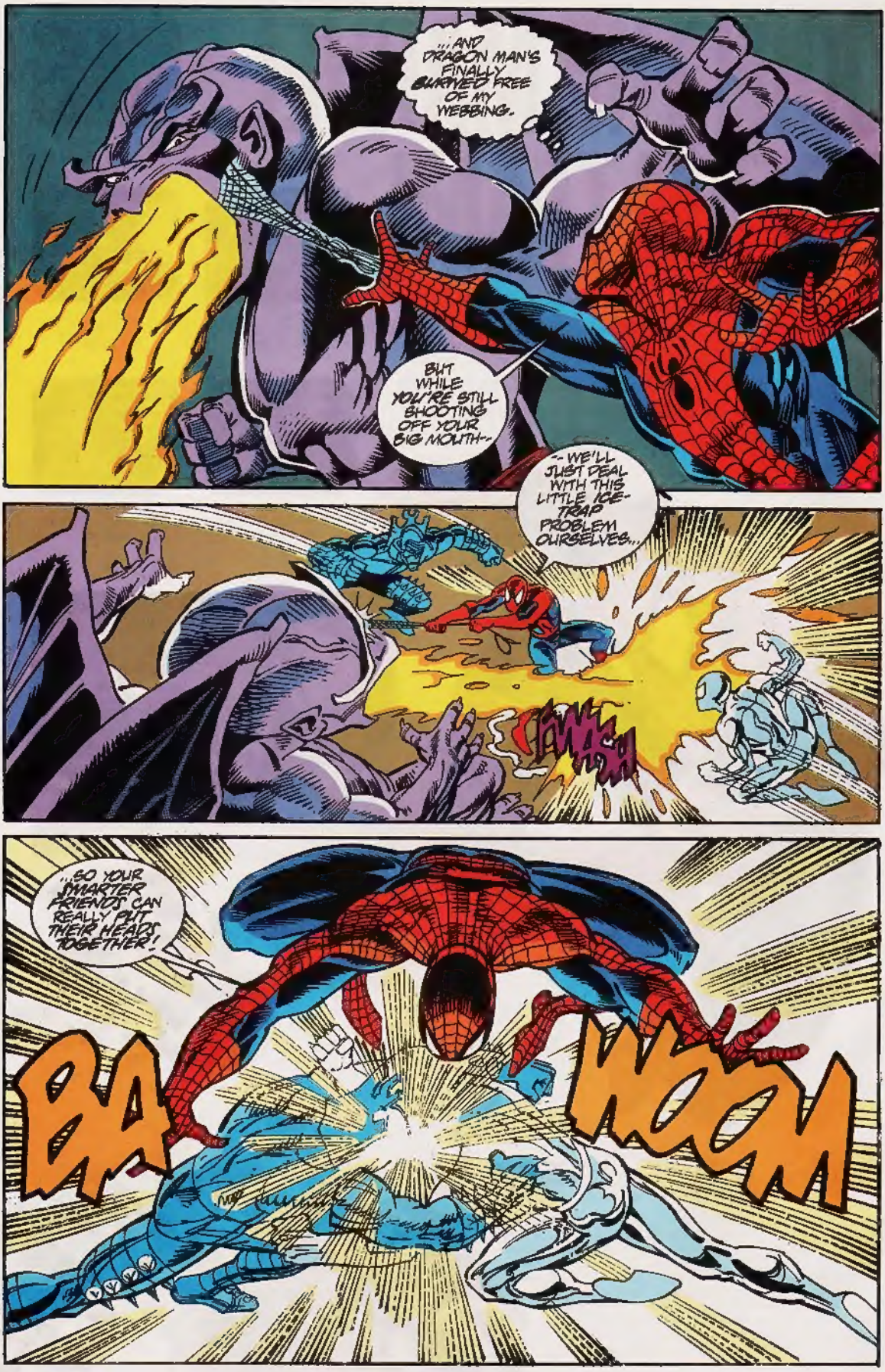
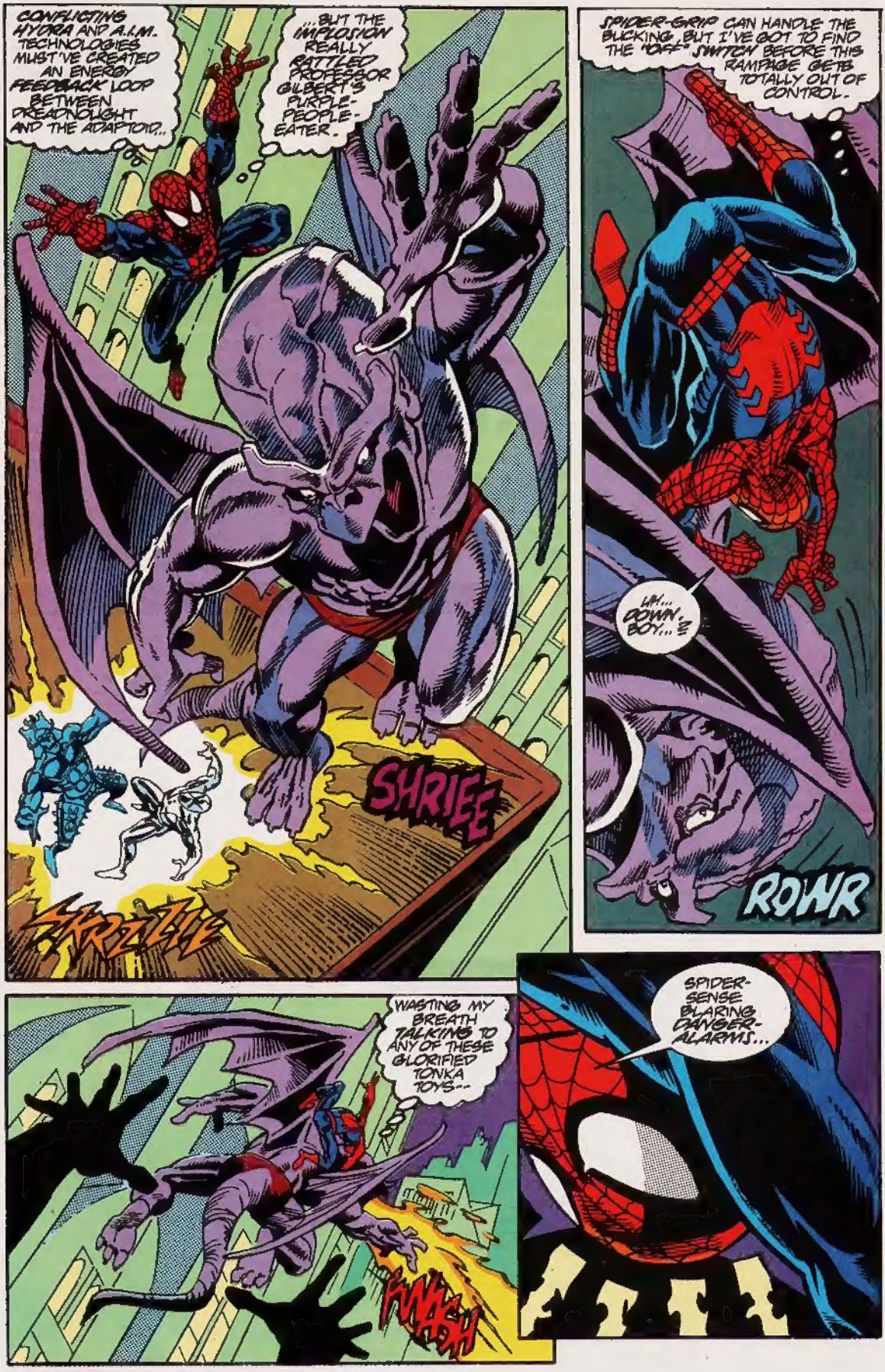
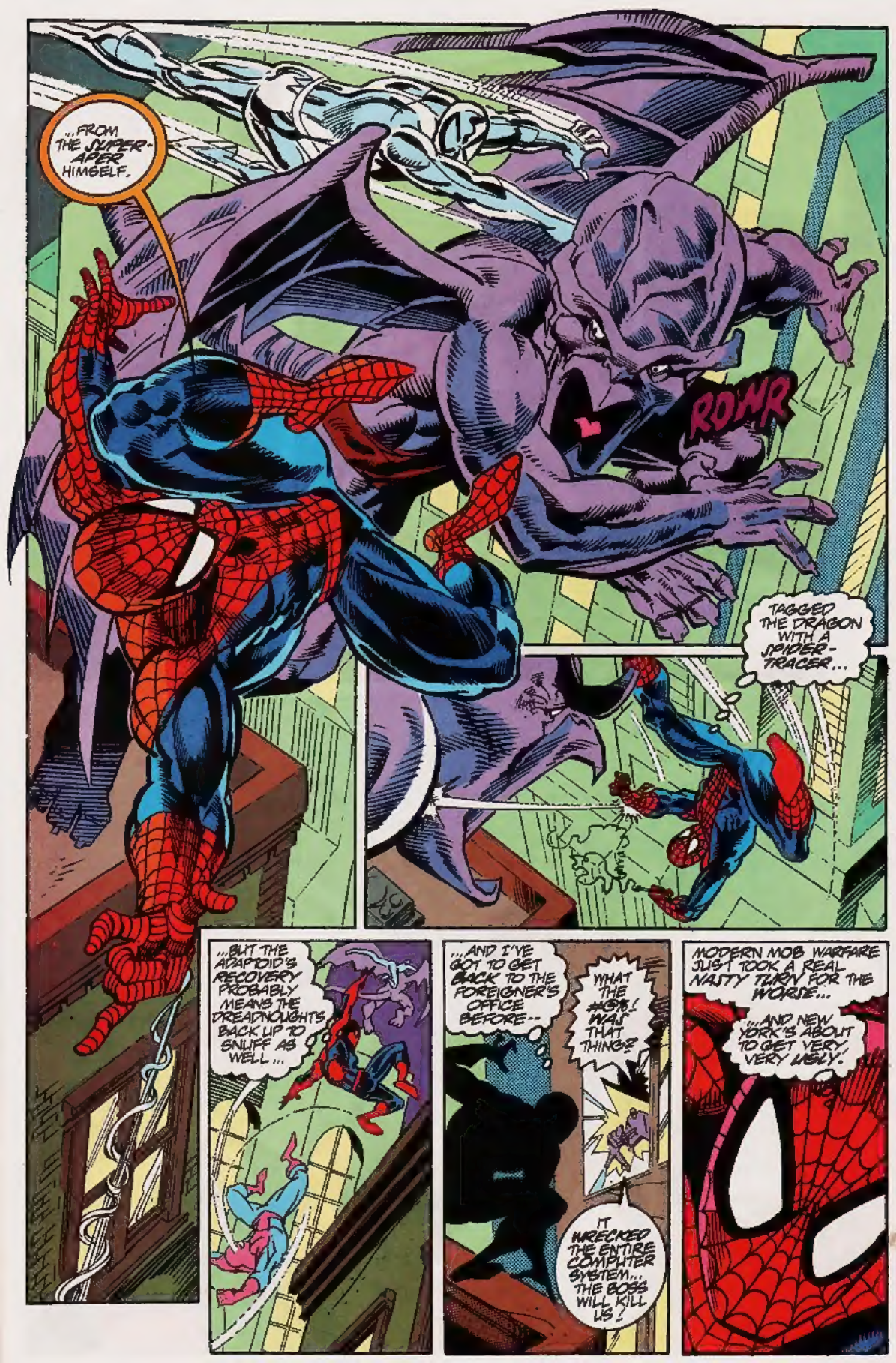
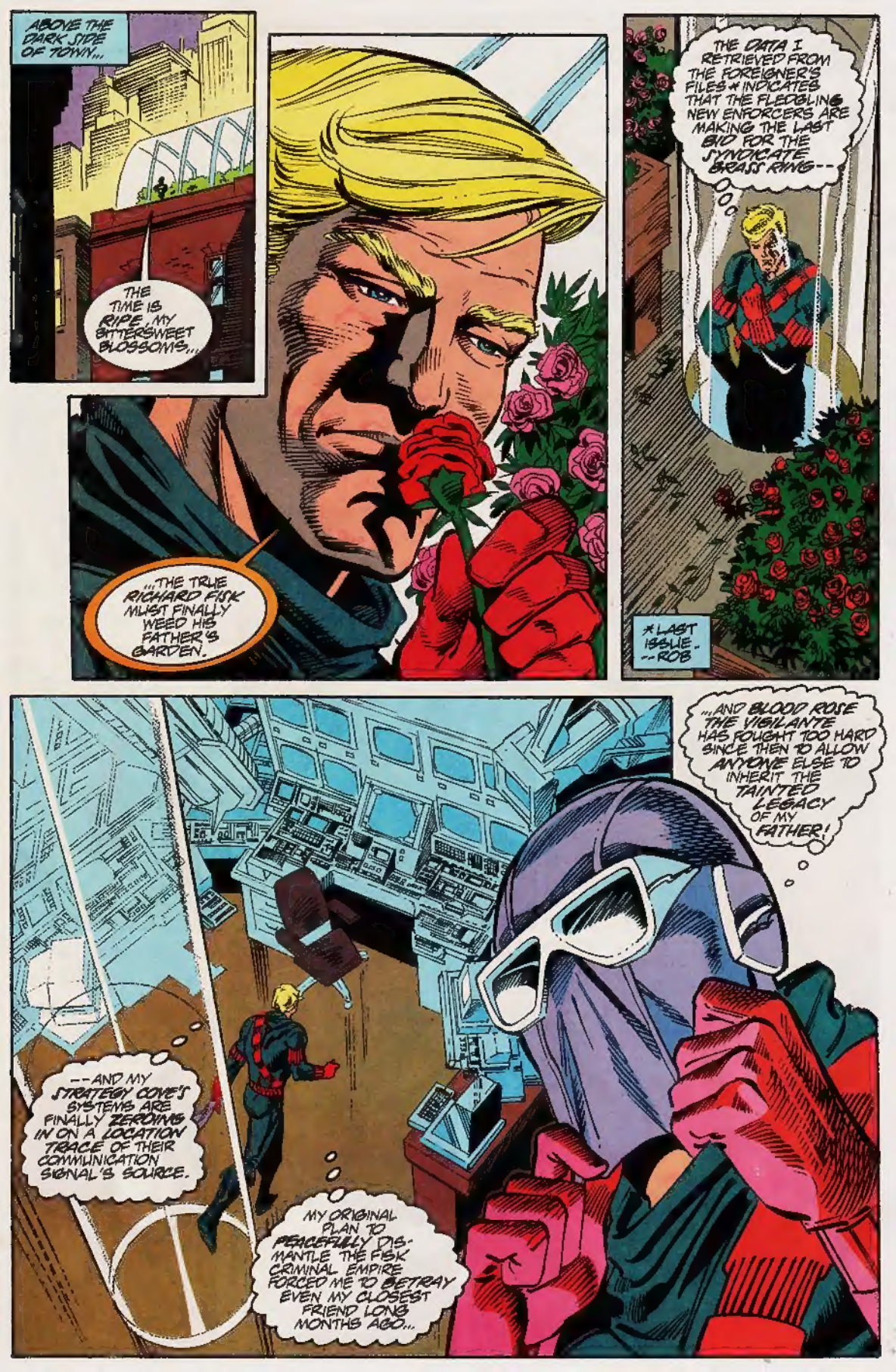
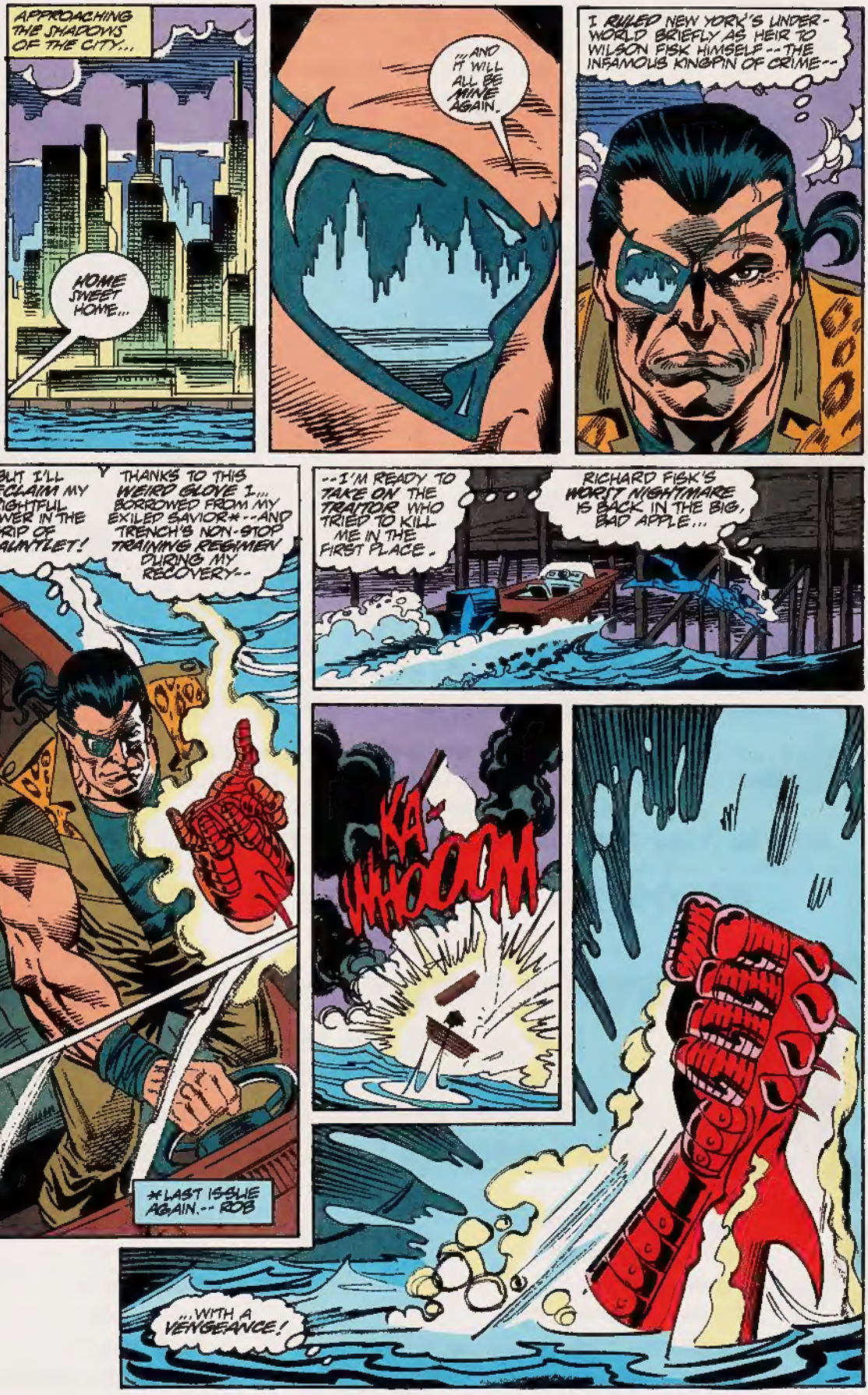

SPIDER-SENSE WARNED ME ABOUT THE FIRST ASSAULT...
...BUT VANISHER AND HIS CRONIES DID WHAT HE DOES BEST...
THWIP
...AND THERE'RE TOO MANY OF THESE ANDROID HATCHET-MEN TO AVOID FOREV--
BRUTZ
THWIP
SHRAAK
"WEB"-POLYMERS WEREN'T QUITE FINALIZED YET-- SUPER-ADAPTOID HASN'T FULLY COMPLETED ITS DUPLICATION PROCEDURE--
TOOM
--BUT THE DREAD-NOUGHT'S ALREADY IN OVER-DRIVE.
ZAZZ
ZAZZ
FWOOSH
I HAVE A HOLD...
FREON BLAST CAUGHT MY LEG...
FRIZZ

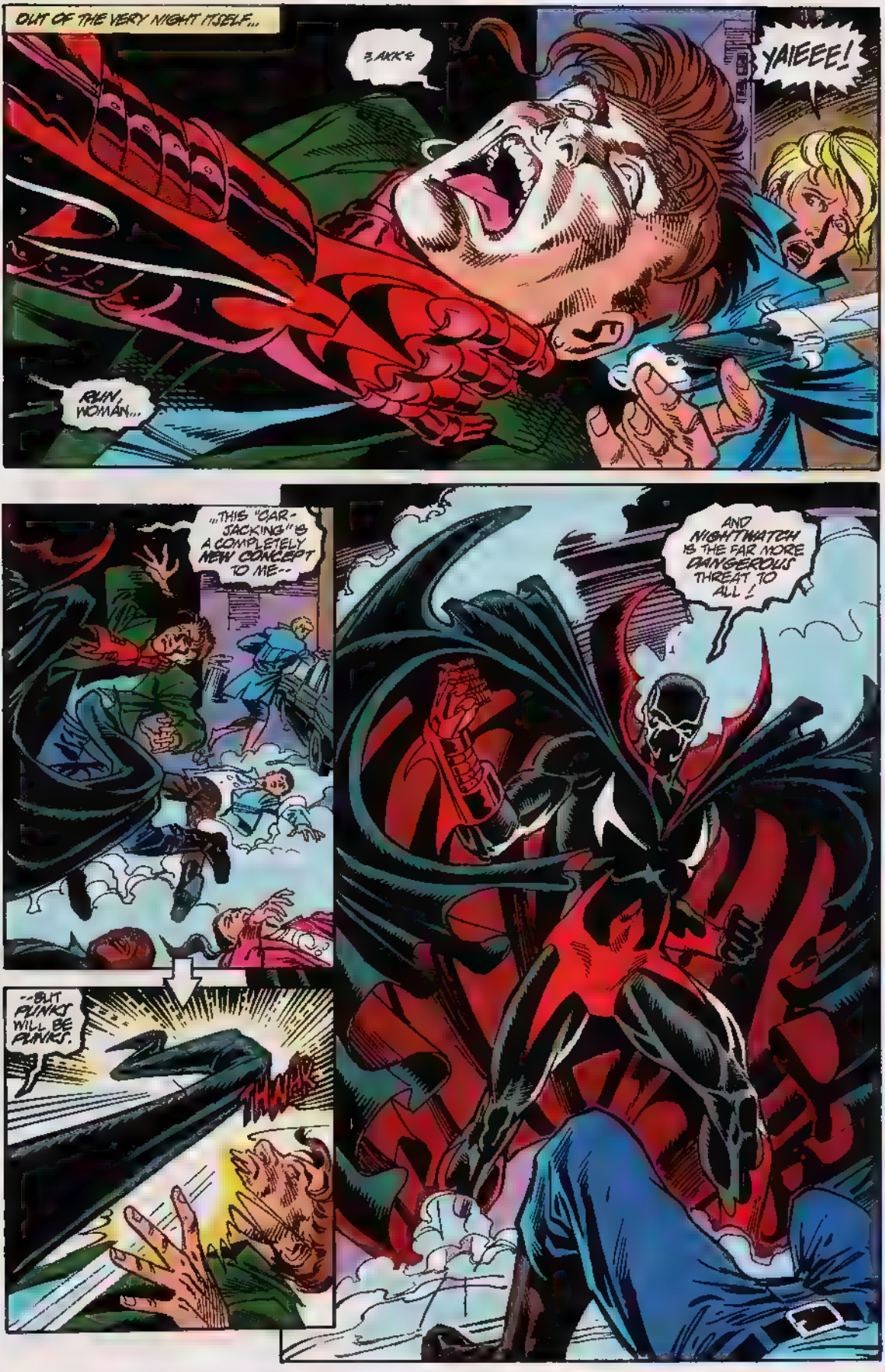

...AND DRAGON MAN'S FINALLY EXTRICATED FREE OF MY WEBBING.
BUT WHILE YOU'RE STILL SHOOTING OFF YOUR BIG MOUTH--
-- WE'LL JUST DEAL WITH THIS LITTLE ICE-TRAP PROBLEM OURSELVES...
FWASH
...SO YOUR SMARTER FRIENDS CAN REALLY PUT THEIR HEADS TOGETHER!
BA
WOOM

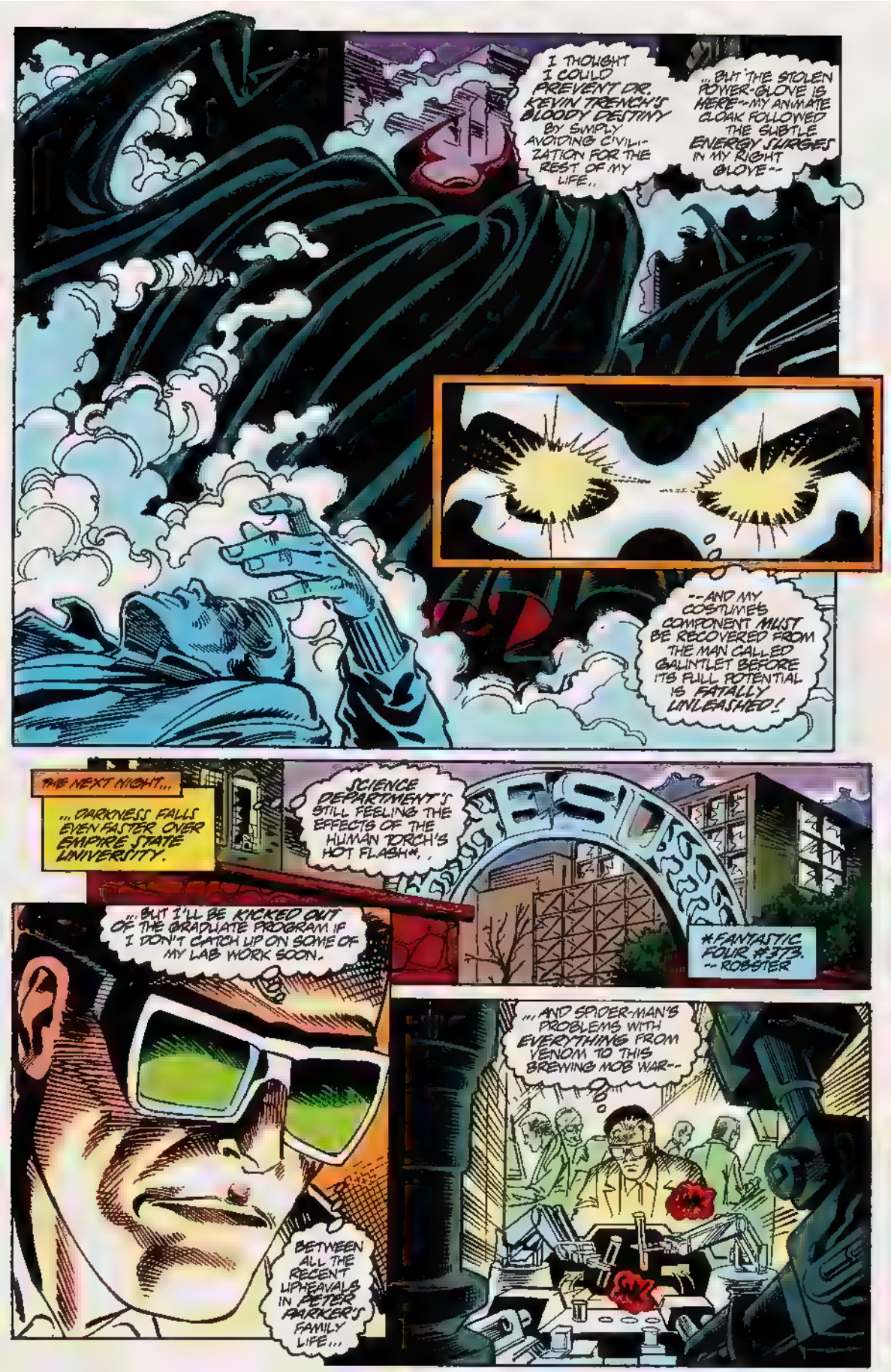

CONFLICTING HYDRA AND A.I.M. TECHNOLOGIES MUST'VE CREATED AN ENERGY FEEDBACK LOOP BETWEEN DREADNOUGHT AND THE ADAPTOID...
...BUT THE IMPLOSION REALLY RATTLED PROFESSOR GILBERT'S PURPLE-PEOPLE-EATER.
SHRIEE
SKRZZLE
SPIDER-GRIP CAN HANDLE THE BUCKING, BUT I'VE GOT TO FIND THE "OFF" SWITCH BEFORE THIS RAMPAGE GETS TOTALLY OUT OF CONTROL.
UH... DOWN, BOY...
ROWR
WASTING MY BREATH TALKING TO ANY OF THESE GLORIFIED TONKA TOYS--
FWAAH
SPIDER-SENSE BLARING DANGER-ALARMS...

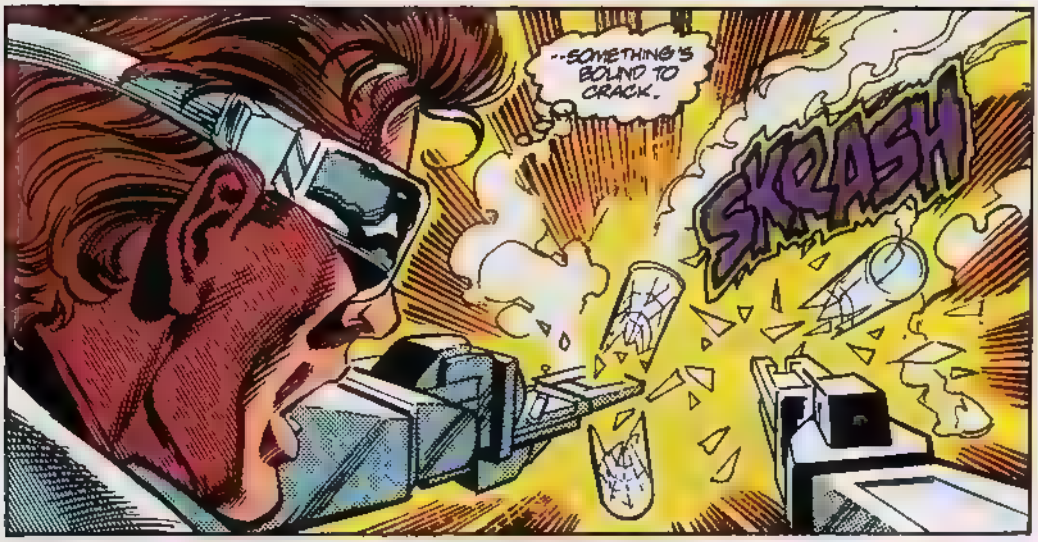

...FROM THE SUPER-APER HIMSELF.
ROWR
TAGGED THE DRAGON WITH A SPIDER-TRACER...
...BUT THE ADAPTOID'S RECOVERY PROBABLY MEANS THE DREADNOUGHTS BACK UP TO SNUFF AS WELL...
...AND I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO THE FOREIGNER'S OFFICE BEFORE--
WHAT THE #@%&! WAS THAT THING?
IT WRECKED THE ENTIRE COMPUTER SYSTEM... THE BOSS WILL KILL US!
MODERN MOB WARFARE JUST TOOK A REAL NASTY TURN FOR THE WORSE...
...AND NEW YORK'S ABOUT TO GET VERY, VERY UGLY!


ABOVE THE DARK SIDE OF TOWN...
THE TIME IS RIPE, MY BITTERSWEET BLOSSOMS...
...THE TRUE RICHARD FISK MUST FINALLY WEED HIS FATHER'S GARDEN.
THE DATA I RETRIEVED FROM THE FOREIGNER'S FILES* INDICATES THAT THE FLEDGLING NEW ENFORCERS ARE MAKING THE LAST BID FOR THE SYNDICATE BRASS RING--
*LAST ISSUE. --ROB
...AND BLOOD ROSE THE VIGILANTE HAS FOUGHT TOO HARD SINCE THEN TO ALLOW ANYONE ELSE TO INHERIT THE TAINTED LEGACY OF MY FATHER!
--AND MY STRATEGY COVE'S SYSTEMS ARE FINALLY ZEROING IN ON A LOCATION TRACE OF THEIR COMMUNICATION SIGNAL'S SOURCE.
MY ORIGINAL PLAN TO PEACEFULLY DISMANTLE THE FISK CRIMINAL EMPIRE FORCED ME TO BETRAY EVEN MY CLOSEST FRIEND LONG MONTHS AGO...

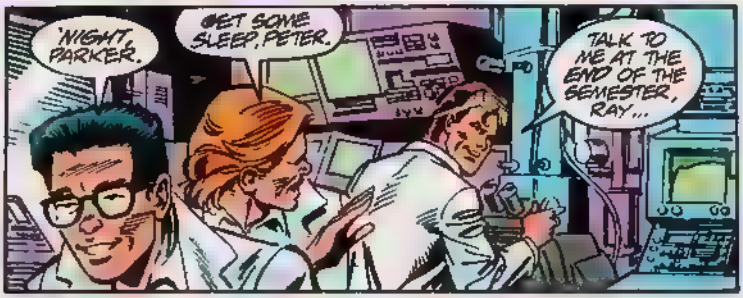

APPROACHING THE SHADOWS OF THE CITY...
HOME SWEET HOME...
"...AND IT WILL ALL BE MINE AGAIN.
I RULED NEW YORK'S UNDERWORLD BRIEFLY AS HEIR TO WILSON FISK HIMSELF--THE INFAMOUS KINGPIN OF CRIME--
--BUT I'LL RECLAIM MY RIGHTFUL POWER IN THE GRIP OF GAUNTLET!
THANKS TO THIS WEIRD GLOVE I... BORROWED FROM MY EXILED SAVIOR*--AND TRENCH'S NON-STOP TRAINING REGIMEN DURING MY RECOVERY--
*LAST ISSUE AGAIN.-- ROB
--I'M READY TO TAKE ON THE TRAITOR WHO TRIED TO KILL ME IN THE FIRST PLACE.
RICHARD FISK'S WORST NIGHTMARE IS BACK IN THE BIG, BAD APPLE...
KA-WHOOOM
"...WITH A VENGEANCE!

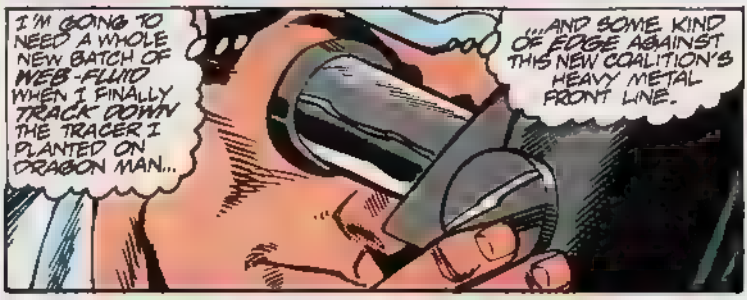

OUT OF THE VERY NIGHT ITSELF...
AKK-K
YAIEEE!
RUN, WOMAN...
...THIS "CAR-JACKING" IS A COMPLETELY NEW CONCEPT TO ME--
AND NIGHTHATCH IS THE FAR MORE DANGEROUS THREAT TO ALL!
--BUT PUNKS WILL BE PUNKS.
THWAK


I THOUGHT I COULD PREVENT DR. KEVIN TRENCH'S BLOODY DESTINY BY SIMPLY AVOIDING CIVILIZATION FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE..
...BUT THE STOLEN POWER-GLOVE IS HERE--MY ANIMATE CLOAK FOLLOWED THE SUBTLE ENERGY SURGES IN MY RIGHT GLOVE--
--AND MY COSTUME'S COMPONENT MUST BE RECOVERED FROM THE MAN CALLED GAUNTLET BEFORE ITS FULL POTENTIAL IS FATALLY UNLEASHED!
THE NEXT NIGHT...
...DARKNESS FALLS EVEN FASTER OVER EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY.
SCIENCE DEPARTMENT'S STILL FEELING THE EFFECTS OF THE HUMAN TORCH'S HOT FLASH*.
*FANTASTIC FOUR #373. --ROBSTER
...BUT I'LL BE KICKED OUT OF THE GRADUATE PROGRAM IF I DON'T CATCH UP ON SOME OF MY LAB WORK SOON.
BETWEEN ALL THE RECENT UPHEAVALS IN PETER PARKER'S FAMILY LIFE...
...AND SPIDER-MAN'S PROBLEMS WITH EVERYTHING FROM VENOM TO THIS BREWING MOB WAR--
SNIK


...SOMETHING'S BOUND TO CRACK.
SKRASH

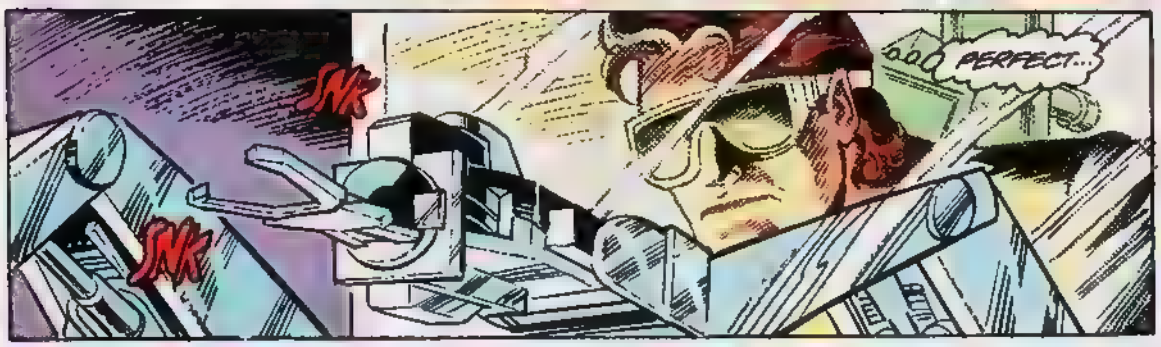
HOURS WORTH OF WORK LITERALLY DOWN THE DRAIN...
...I'M WAY TOO DISTRACTED TO COMPLETE THIS EXPERIMENT.


'NIGHT, PARKER.
GET SOME SLEEP, PETER.
TALK TO ME AT THE END OF THE SEMESTER, RAY...


I'M GOING TO NEED A WHOLE NEW BATCH OF WEB-FLUID WHEN I FINALLY TRACK DOWN THE TRACER I PLANTED ON DRAGON MAN...
...AND SOME KIND OF EDGE AGAINST THIS NEW COALITION'S HEAVY METAL FRONT LINE.

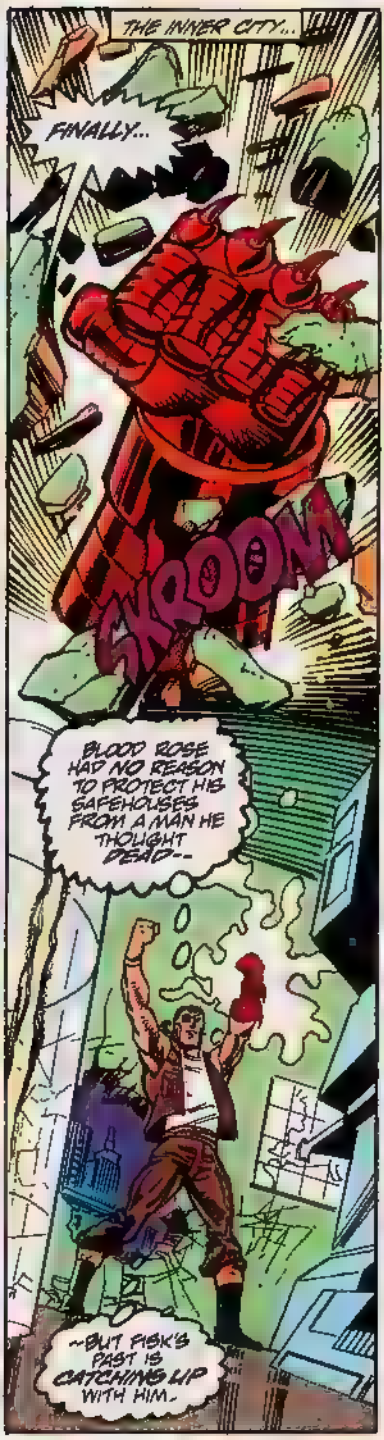
BUT MAYBE I CAN KILL TWO BIRDS...

...WITH ONE BIG STONE.

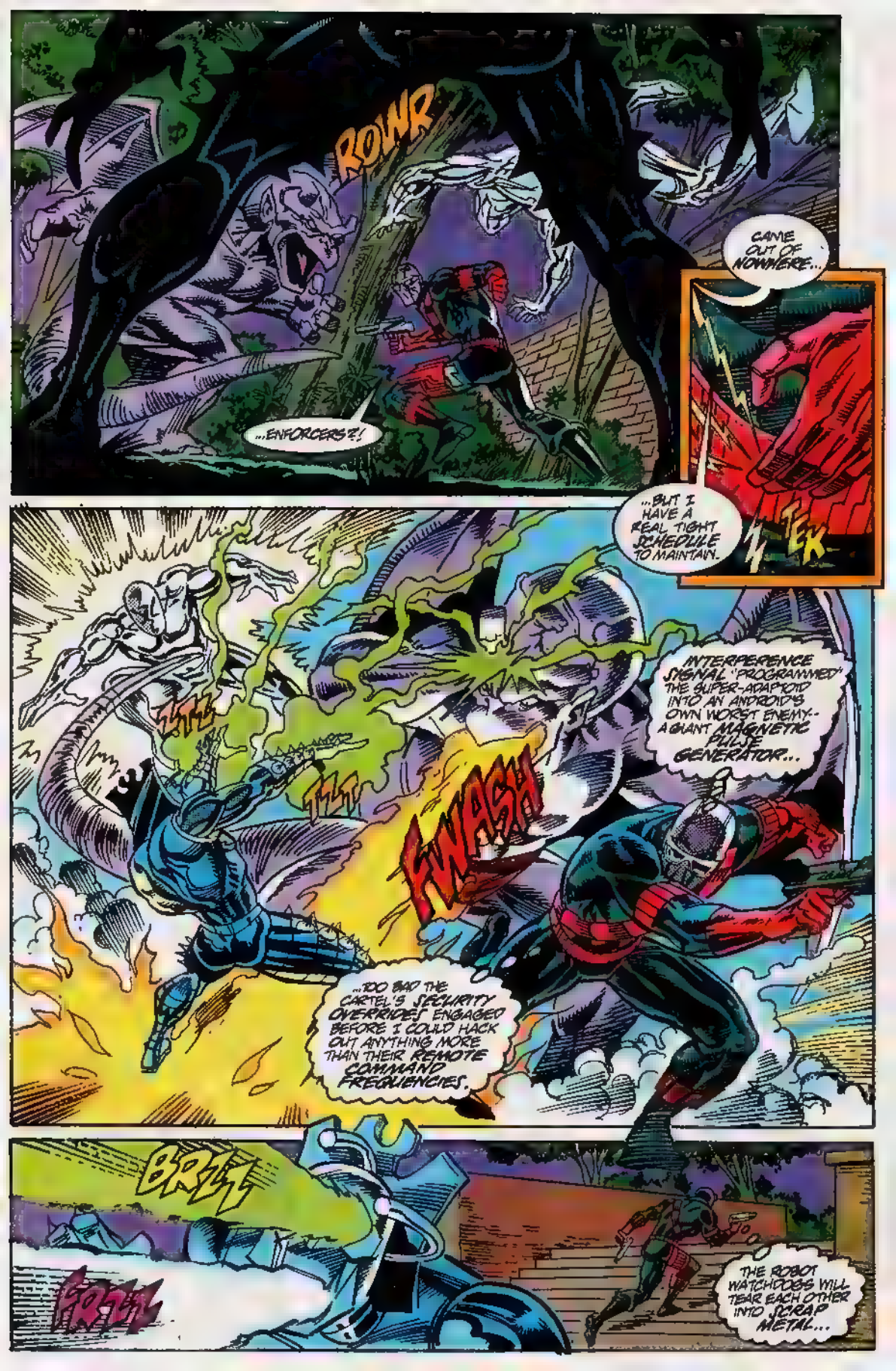

SNK
SNK
PERFECT...

...THE NEW ENFORCERS WILL NEVER KNOW WHAT HIT THEM!

THE EDGE OF TOWN..
YES...
...VIBRATIONS INDICATE MY OTHER POWER-GLOVE CAME THIS WAY HOURS AGO...
...I'M CLOSING IN ON YOU, GAUNTLET!

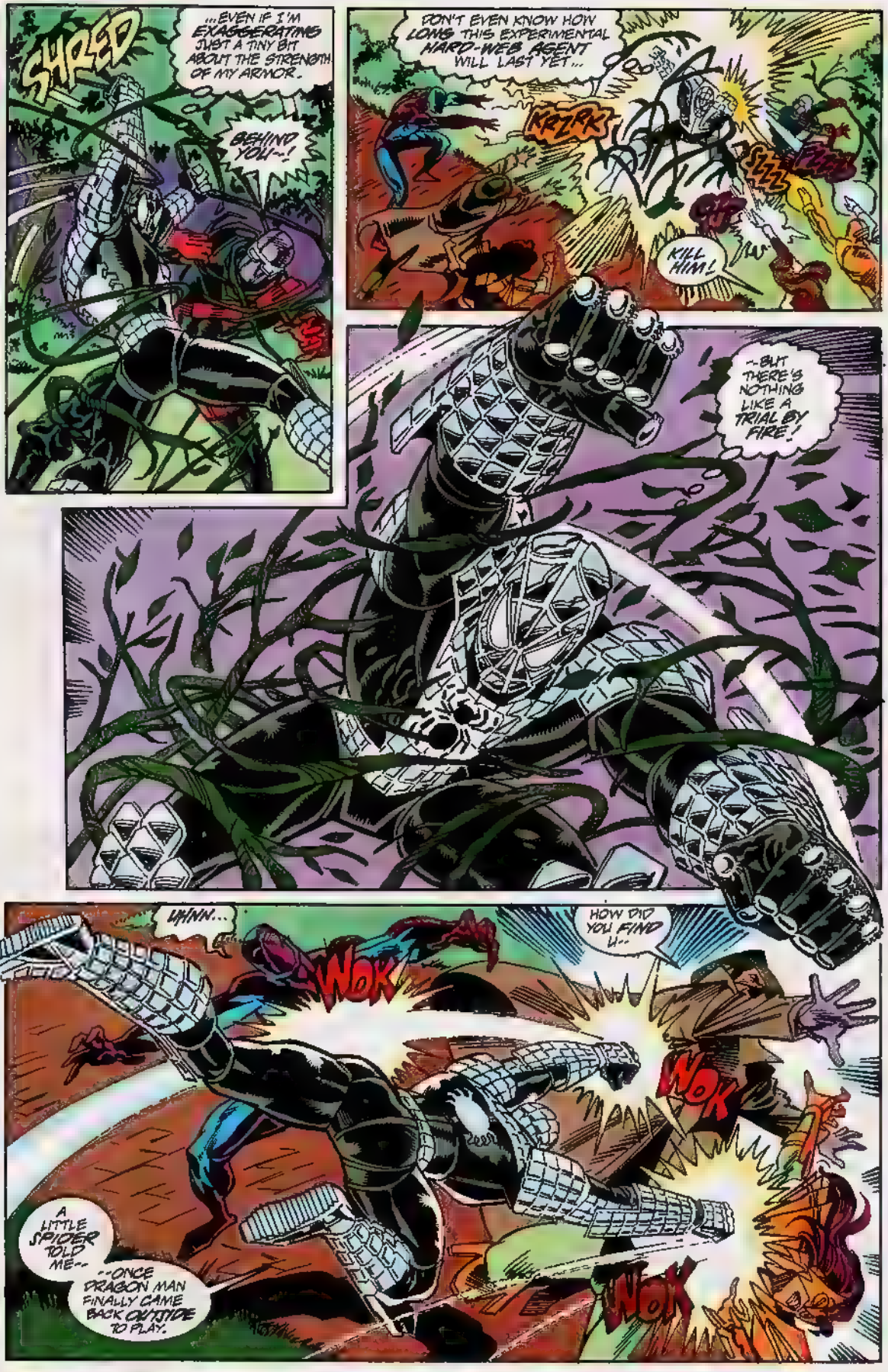

THE INNER CITY..
FINALLY...
SKROOM
BLOOD ROSE HAD NO REASON TO PROTECT HIS SAFEHOUSES FROM A MAN HE THOUGHT DEAD--
~BUT FISK'S PAST IS CATCHING UP WITH HIM.

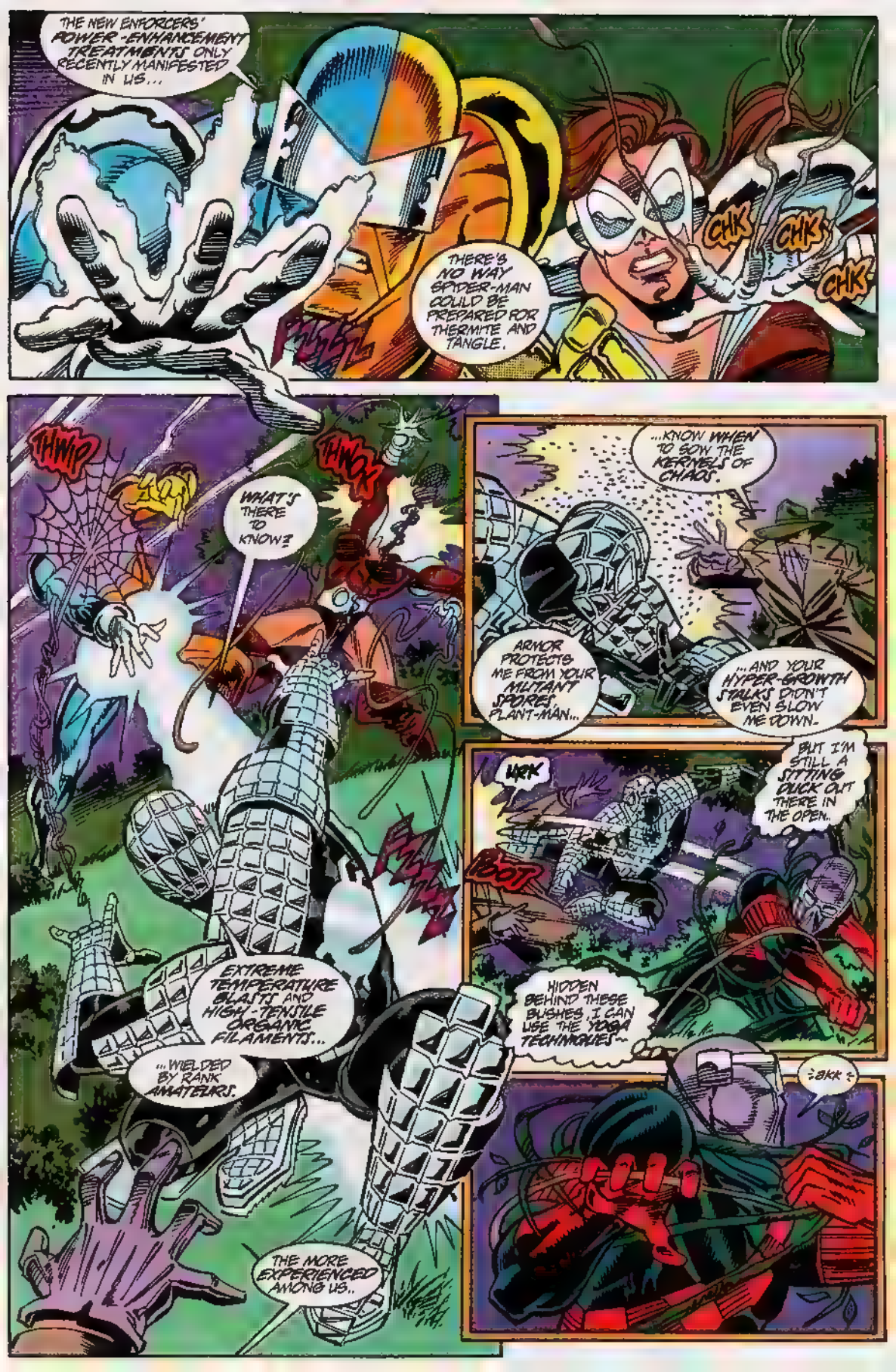
THE OUTSKIRTS OF MANHATTAN...
INTERESTING...
...COMPUTER BACK-TRACE POINTED TO THESE COORDINATES--
~BUT MY ENTRANCE ISN'T ATTRACTING ANY ATTENTION FROM THE NEW ENFORCERS--

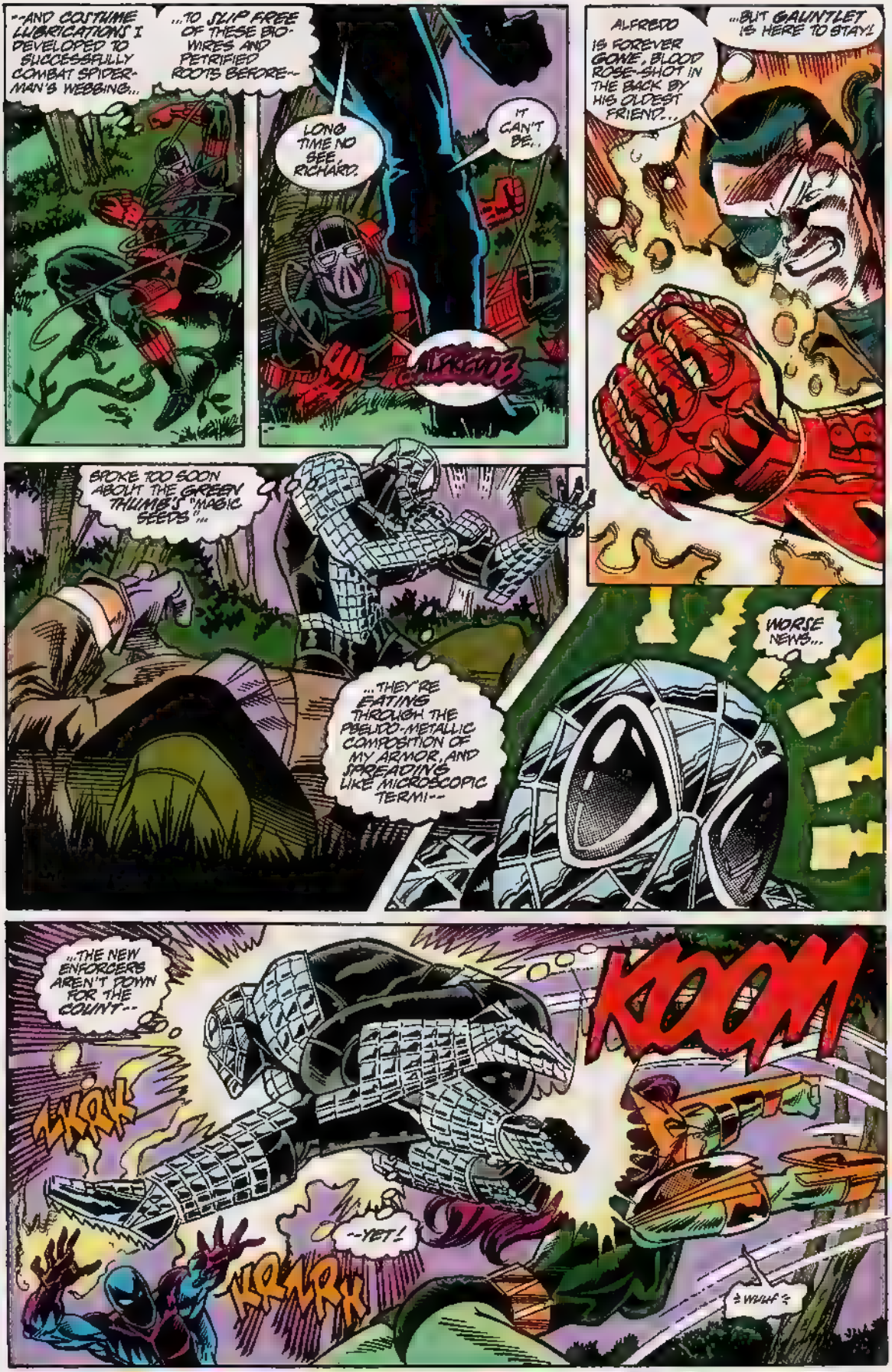

ROWR
..ENFORCERS?!
CAME OUT OF NOWHERE...
TEK
..BUT I HAVE A REAL TIGHT SCHEDULE TO MAINTAIN.
INTERFERENCE SIGNAL "PROGRAMMED" THE SUPER-ADAPTOID INTO AN ANDROID'S OWN WORST ENEMY.- A GIANT MAGNETIC PULSE GENERATOR...
FWASH
..TOO BAD THE CARTEL'S SECURITY OVERRIDES ENGAGED BEFORE I COULD HACK OUT ANYTHING MORE THAN THEIR REMOTE COMMAND FREQUENCIES.
BRZT
FZZT
THE ROBOT WATCHDOGS WILL TEAR EACH OTHER INTO SCRAP METAL...

...BUT MY TRUE TARGETS MUST BE AWARE OF MY VISIT BY N--
ALTHOUGH THE FOREIGNER WAS CONTRACTED TO ELIMINATE YOUR POTENTIAL THREAT TO US, BLOOD ROSE...
NO MENTION OF THE VANISHER IN THE LOGS I STOLE FRO--
YEEEARGH!
...PERSISTENCE HAS EARNED YOU AN AUDIENCE WITH THE NEW ENFORCERS THEMSELVES!
KRRZZZT
KLUK
CHK
CHK-CHK
THERMITE AND THE EEL HAVE DISARMED HIM...!
AND PLANT-MAN AND TANGLE WILL IMMOBILIZE THE SUCKER LONG ENOUGH FOR BLITZ TO--
THUNP
CLEAR AN EXTRA-WIDE PATH...
WUMP
ZUHK

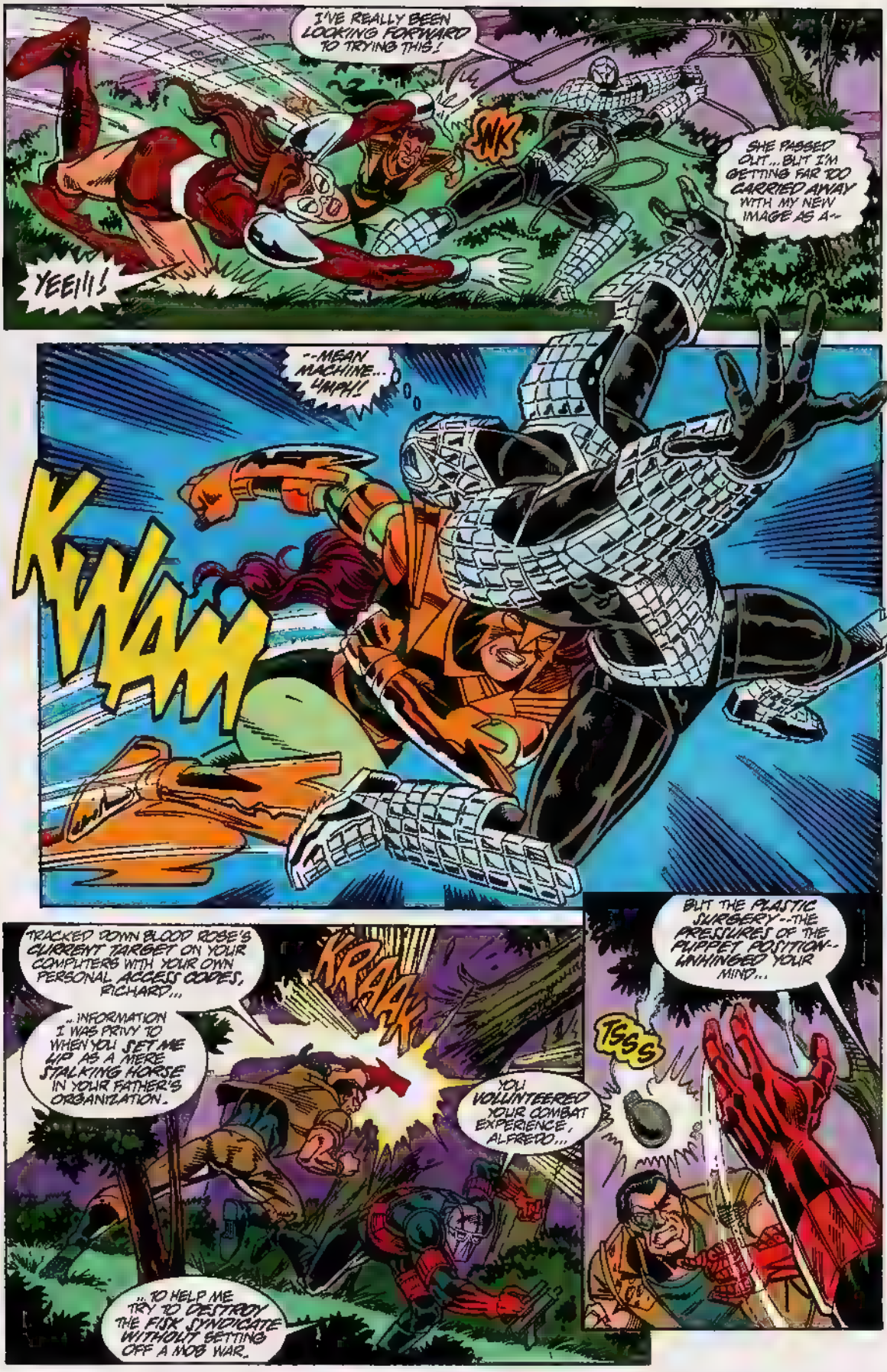
...FOR THE BIGGER, BETTER, BADDER--AND BULKIER-- SPIDER OF STEEL!
WHAT--?!
GUESS "THE STEEL RAIDER" WOULD SOUND LESS DERIVATIVE...

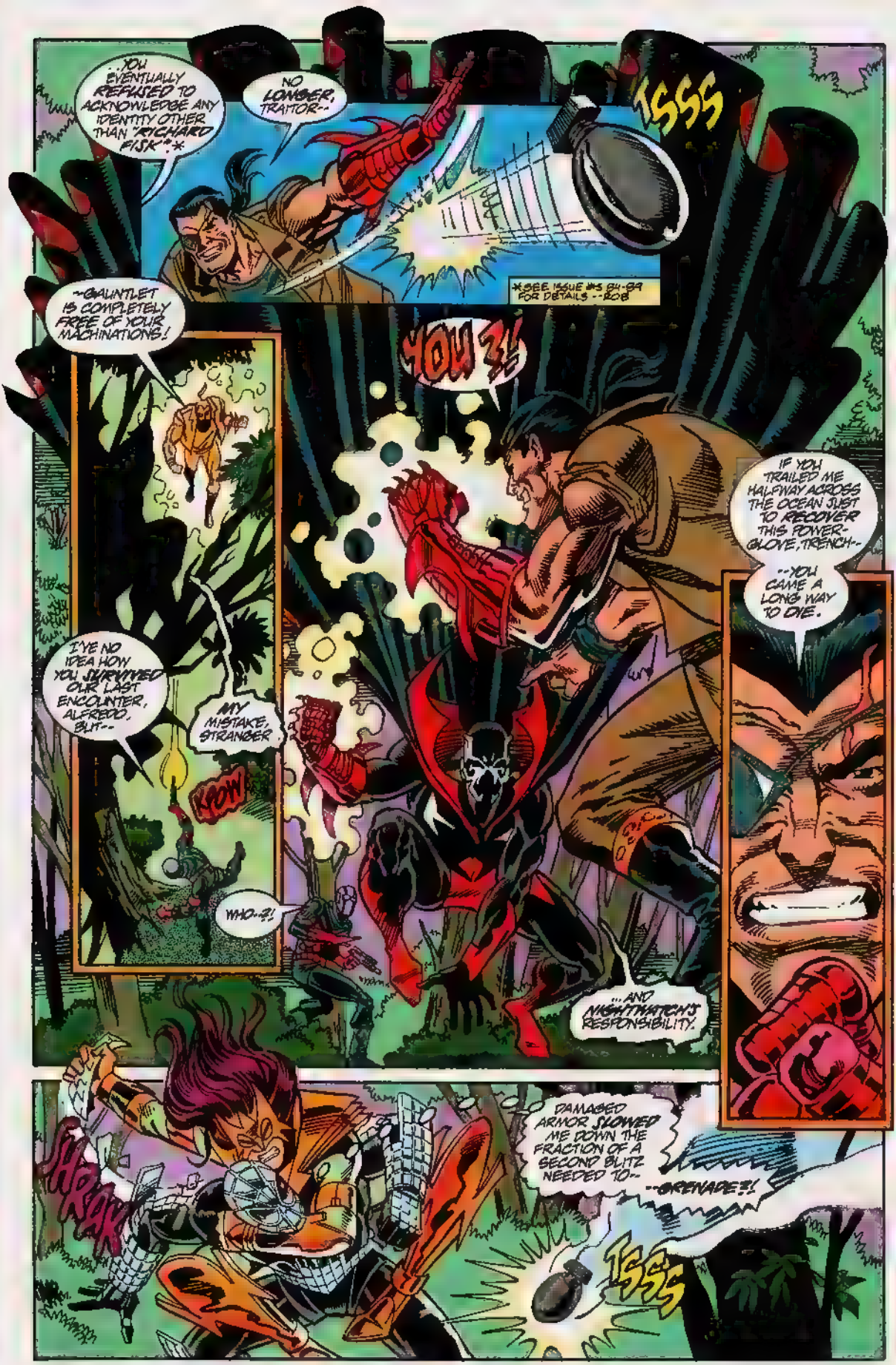

SHRED
...EVEN IF I'M EXAGGERATING JUST A TINY BIT ABOUT THE STRENGTH OF MY ARMOR.
BEHIND YOU--!
I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW LONG THIS EXPERIMENTAL HARD-WEB AGENT WILL LAST YET...
KRZRK
KILL HIM!
--BUT THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A TRIAL BY FIRE!
UHNN...
WOK
HOW DID YOU FIND U--
WOK
WOK
A LITTLE SPIDER TOLD ME--
--ONCE DRAGON MAN FINALLY CAME BACK OUTSIDE TO PLAY.

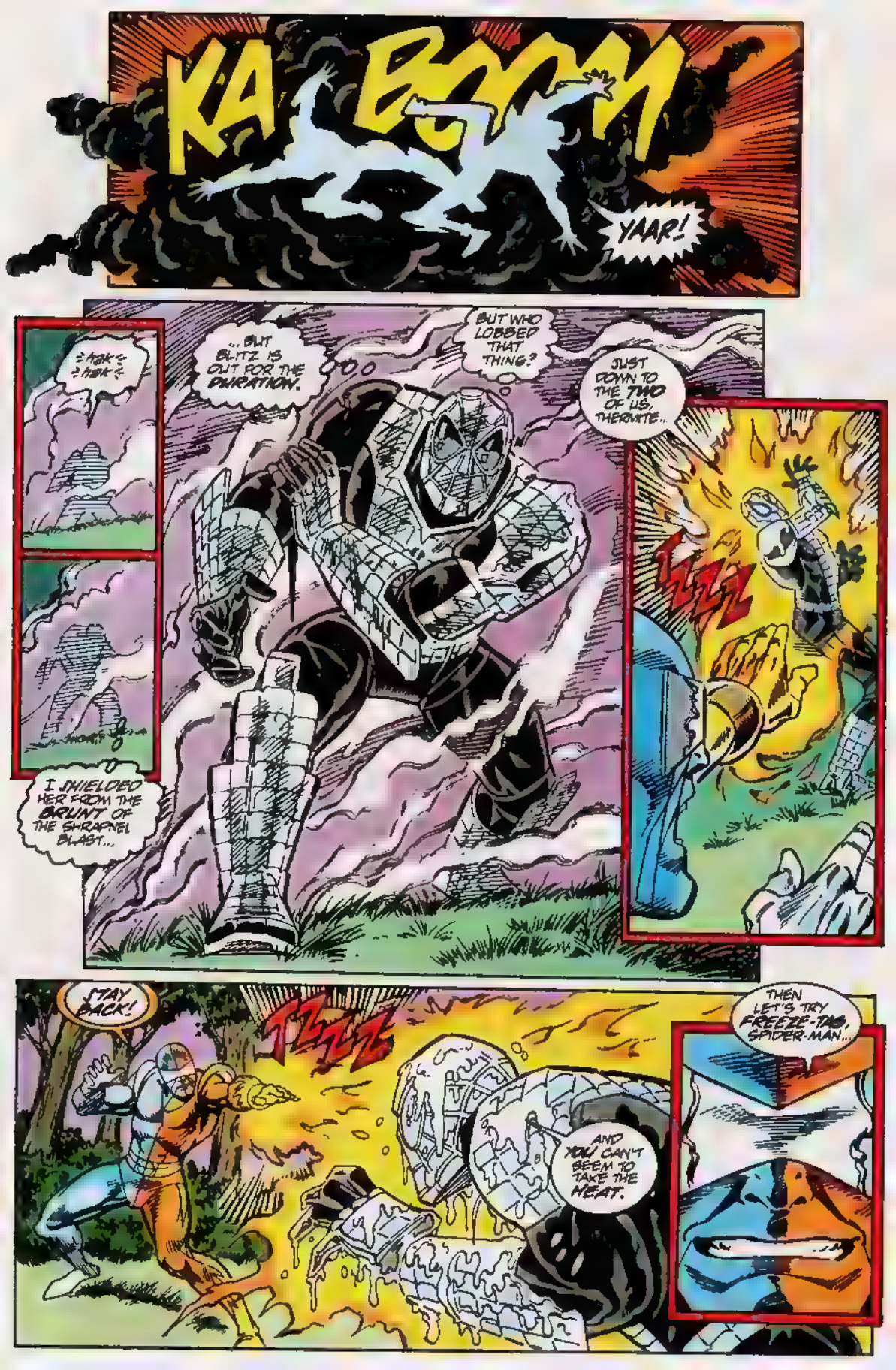

THE NEW ENFORCERS' POWER-ENHANCEMENT TREATMENTS ONLY RECENTLY MANIFESTED IN US...
THERE'S NO WAY SPIDER-MAN COULD BE PREPARED FOR THERMITE AND TANGLE.
CHK
CHK
CHK
THWIP
THWIP
WHAT'S THERE TO KNOW?
...KNOW WHEN TO SOW THE KERNELS OF CHAOS.
ARMOR PROTECTS ME FROM YOUR MUTANT SPORES, PLANT-MAN...
...AND YOUR HYPER-GROWTH STALKS DIDN'T EVEN SLOW ME DOWN.
WHK
BOOT
BUT I'M STILL A SITTING DUCK OUT THERE IN THE OPEN..
HIDDEN BEHIND THESE BUSHES, I CAN USE THE YOGA TECHNIQUES--
EXTREME TEMPERATURE BLASTS AND HIGH-TENSILE ORGANIC FILAMENTS...
...WIELDED BY RANK AMATEURS.
THE MORE EXPERIENCED AMONG US..
:3KK:

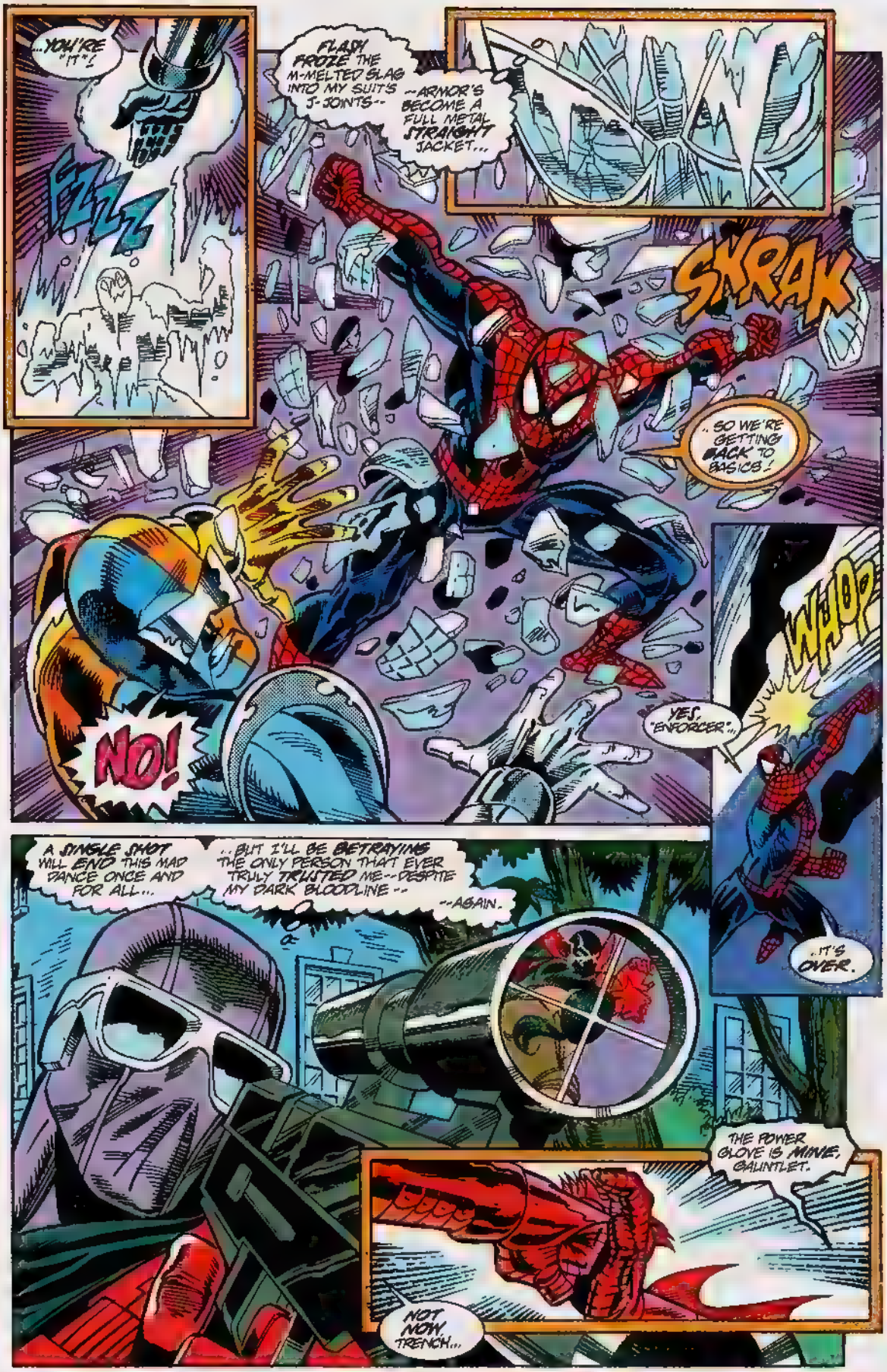

--AND COSTUME LUBRICATIONS I DEVELOPED TO SUCCESSFULLY COMBAT SPIDER-MAN'S WEBBING...
...TO SLIP FREE OF THESE BIO-WIRES AND PETRIFIED ROOTS BEFORE--
LONG TIME NO SEE, RICHARD.
IT CAN'T BE..
ALFREDO IS FOREVER GONE, BLOOD ROSE-SHOT IN THE BACK BY HIS OLDEST FRIEND?..
...BUT GAUNTLET IS HERE TO STAY!
BROKE TOO SOON ABOUT THE GREEN THUMB'S "MAGIC SEEDS"...
...THEY'RE EATING THROUGH THE PSEUDO-METALLIC COMPOSITION OF MY ARMOR, AND SPREADING LIKE MICROSCOPIC TERMI--
WORSE NEWS...
...THE NEW ENFORCERS AREN'T DOWN FOR THE COUNT--
KOOM
KRAK
--YET!
KRAKK
WHAM

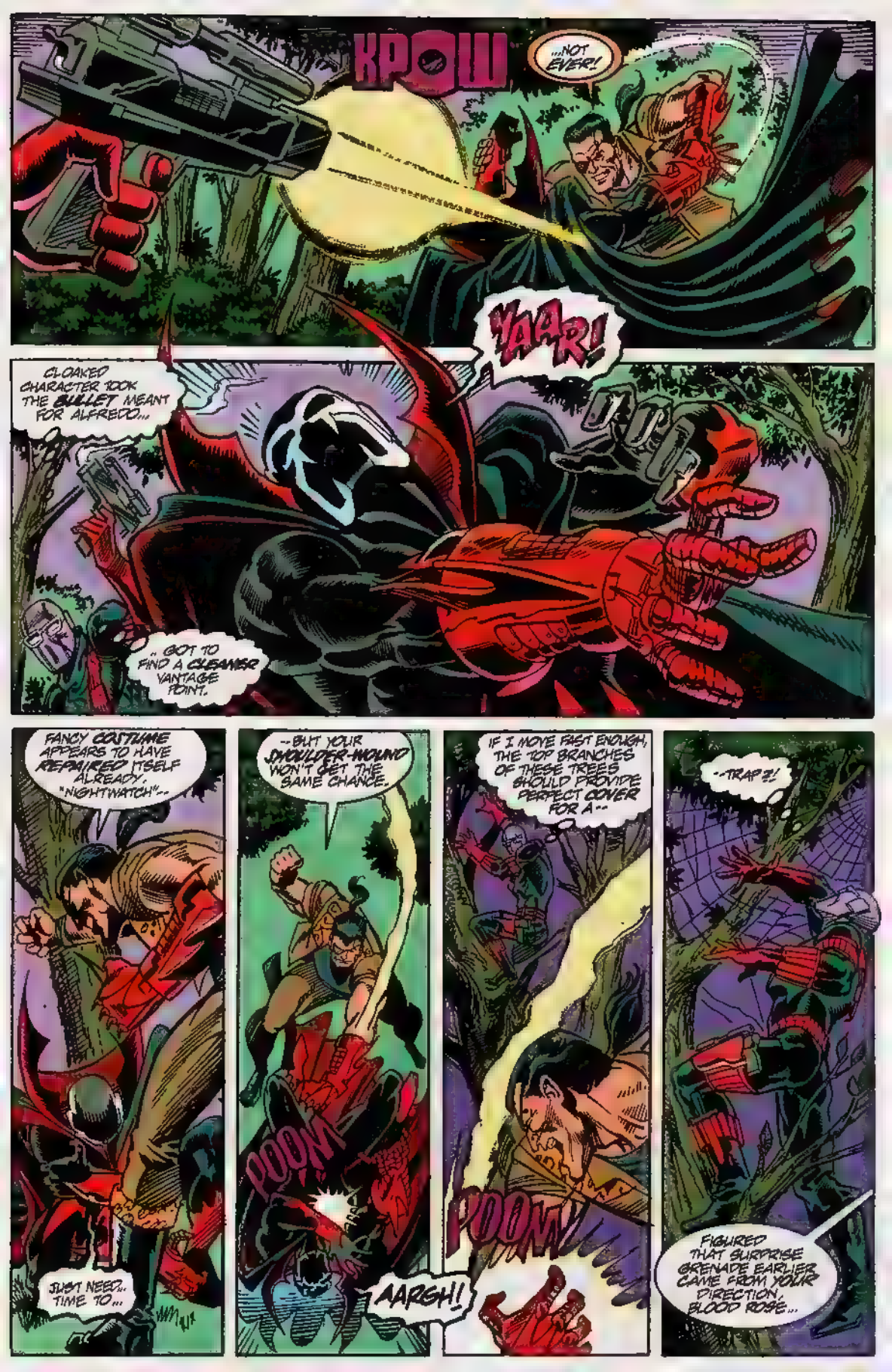
WASN'T GROUNDED, EEL...
...AND I WORE MY INSULATED SPIDEROOS JUST FOR THE OCCASION.
WEB-BALLS WILL NEVER CONNECT, HERO...
...MY ELECTRICAL AURA'S "PERIMETER SENSE"...
IS HIGHLY OVERRATED.
Ping
NOK
:UTTK:
NO ENFORCER STANDS ALONE, SPIDER-MAN!
CHK
CHK
ABOUT TIME, TANGLE..
NEW WEB-POLYMER'S RESILIENCE GIVES IT FAR MORE BOUNCE THAN--

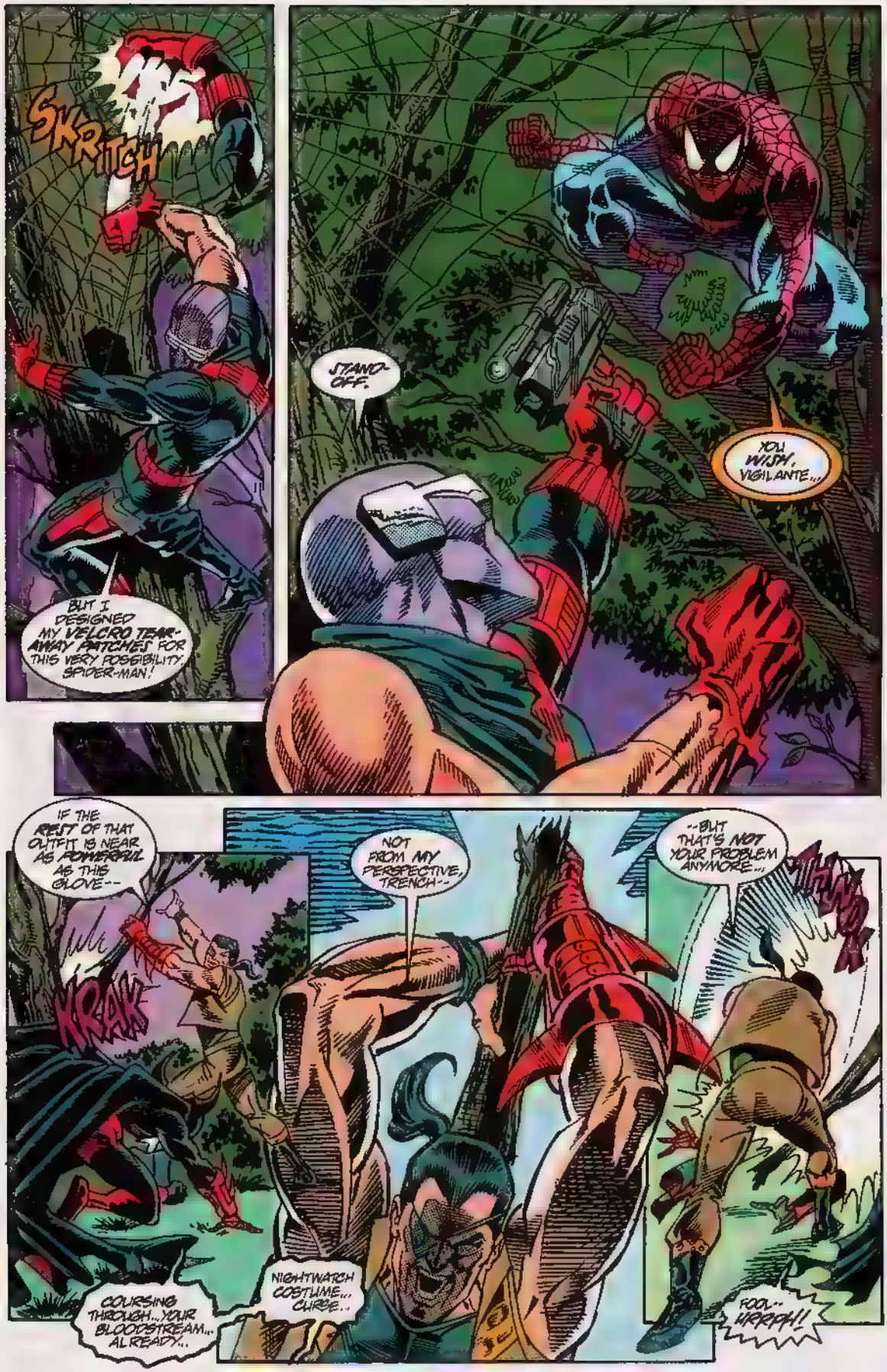

I'VE REALLY BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO TRYING THIS!
SHE PASSED OUT... BUT I'M GETTING FAR TOO CARRIED AWAY WITH MY NEW IMAGE AS A--
YEEII!
--MEAN MACHINE... UMPH!
KWAM
TRACKED DOWN BLOOD ROSE'S CURRENT TARGET ON YOUR COMPUTERS WITH YOUR OWN PERSONAL ACCESS CODES, RICHARD...
...INFORMATION I WAS PRIVY TO WHEN YOU SET ME UP AS A MERE STALKING HORSE IN YOUR FATHER'S ORGANIZATION.
KRAK
YOU VOLUNTEERED YOUR COMBAT EXPERIENCE, ALFREDO...
...TO HELP ME TRY TO DESTROY THE FISK SYNDICATE WITHOUT GETTING OFF A MOB WAR.
BUT THE PLASTIC SURGERY--THE PRESSURES OF THE PUPPET POSITION--UNHINGED YOUR MIND...
TSSS

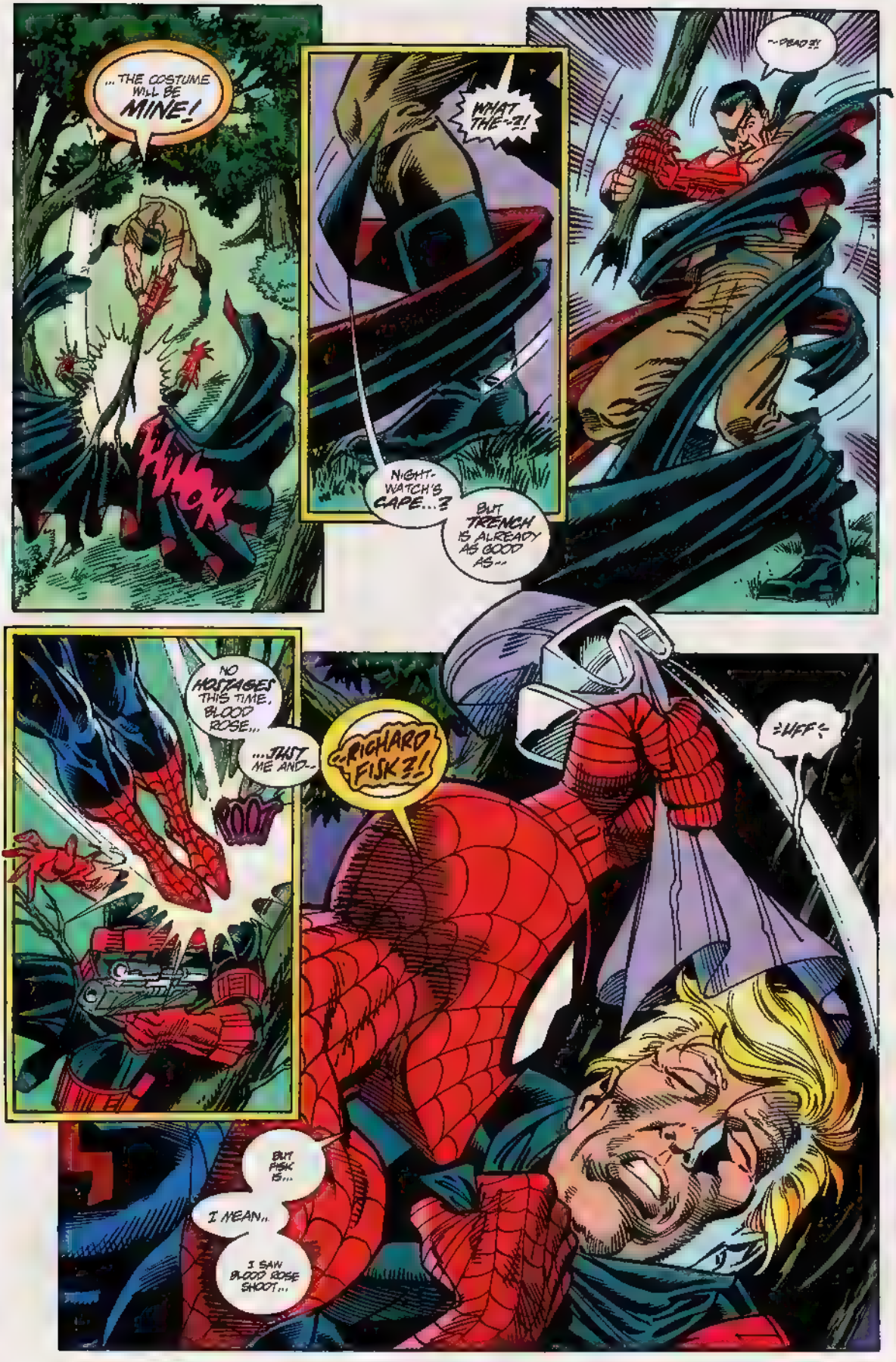

...YOU EVENTUALLY REFUSED TO ACKNOWLEDGE ANY IDENTITY OTHER THAN "RICHARD FISK".*
NO LONGER, TRAITOR--
ISSS
*SEE ISSUE #3 84-89 FOR DETAILS --ED
--GAUNTLET IS COMPLETELY FREE OF YOUR MACHINATIONS!
YOU!
IF YOU TRAILED ME HALFWAY ACROSS THE OCEAN JUST TO RECOVER THIS POWER-GLOVE, TRENCH--
--YOU CAME A LONG WAY TO DIE.
I'VE NO IDEA HOW YOU SURVIVED OUR LAST ENCOUNTER, ALFREDO, BUT--
MY MISTAKE, STRANGER.
KOW
WHO--?!
...AND NIGHTHAWK'S RESPONSIBILITY.
DAMAGED ARMOR SLOWED ME DOWN THE FRACTION OF A SECOND BLITZ NEEDED TO--
--GRENADE?!
HRUK
ISSS

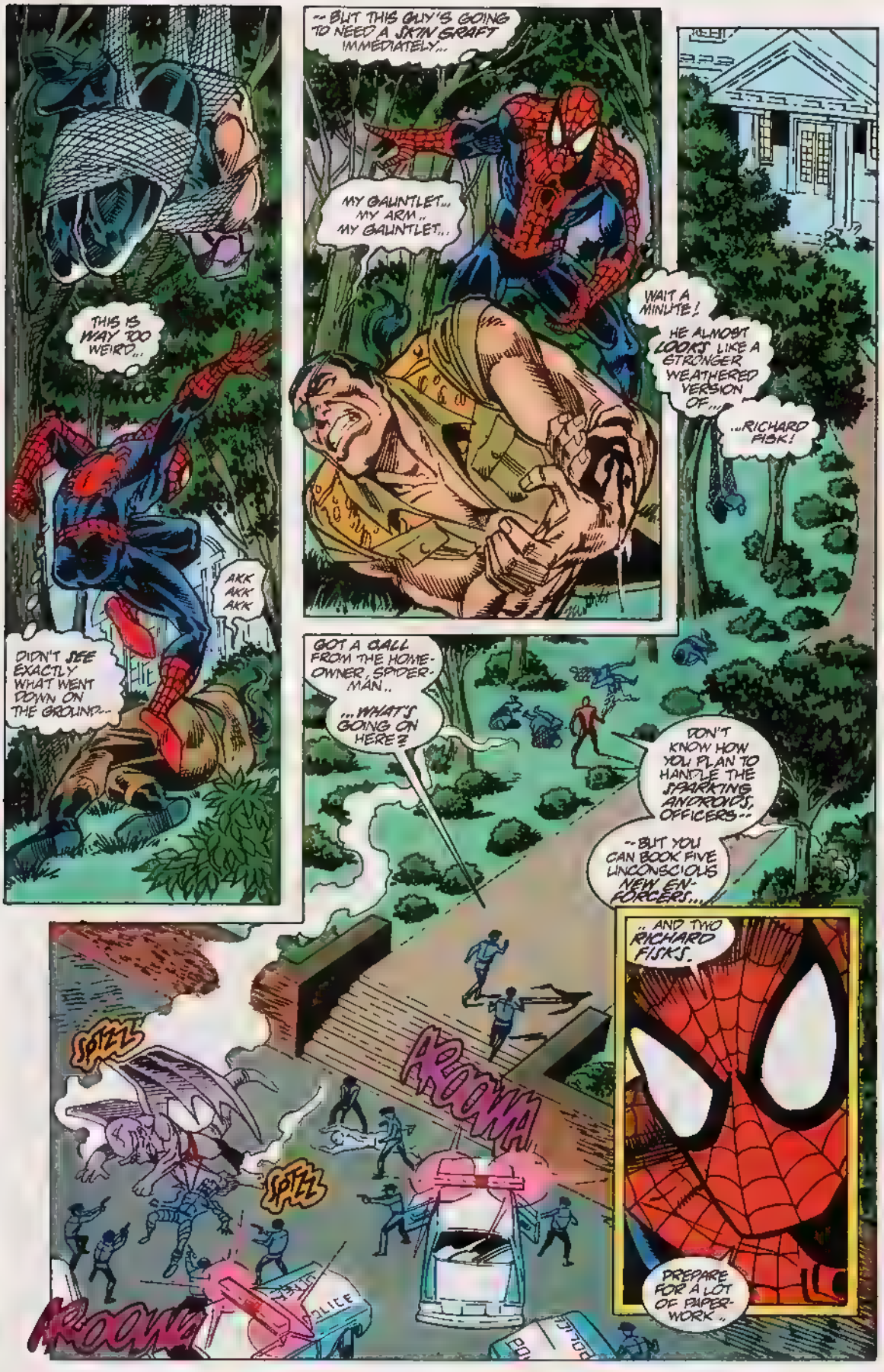

KA-BOOM
YAAR!
...BUT BLITZ IS OUT FOR THE DURATION.
BUT WHO LOBBED THAT THING?
JUST DOWN TO THE TWO OF US, THERMITE..
I SHIELDED HER FROM THE BRUNT OF THE SHRAPNEL BLAST...
STAY BACK!
AND YOU CAN'T SEEM TO TAKE THE HEAT.
THEN LET'S TRY FREEZE-TAG, SPIDER-MAN...


...YOU'RE "IT"!
FZZZ
FLASH FREEZE THE M-MELTED SLAG INTO MY SUIT'S J-JOINTS--
--ARMOR'S BECOME A FULL METAL STRAIGHT JACKET...
SKRAK
..SO WE'RE GETTING BACK TO BASICS!
NO!
WHO?
YES, "ENFORCER"...
..IT'S OVER.
A SINGLE SHOT WILL END THIS MAD DANCE ONCE AND FOR ALL...
...BUT I'LL BE BETRAYING THE ONLY PERSON THAT EVER TRULY TRUSTED ME--DESPITE MY DARK BLOODLINE --
--AGAIN.
THE POWER GLOVE IS MINE, GAUNTLET.
NOT NOW, TRENCH...

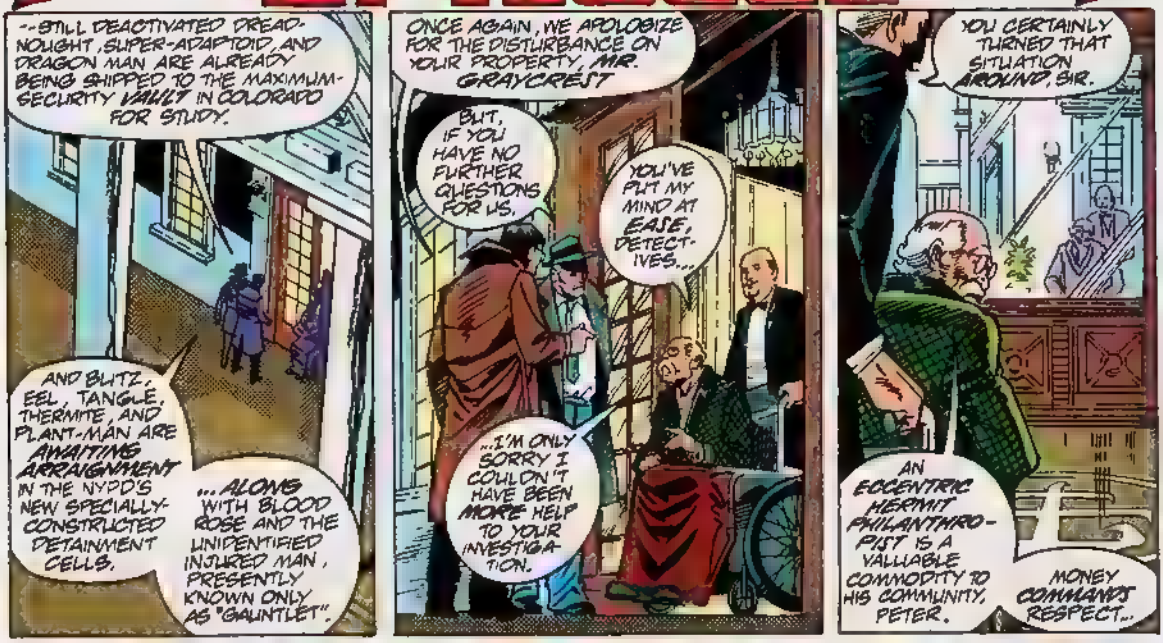

KPOW
...NOT EVER!
YAAR!
CLOAKED CHARACTER TOOK THE BULLET MEANT FOR ALFREDO...
.. GOT TO FIND A CLEANER VANTAGE POINT.
FANCY COSTUME APPEARS TO HAVE REPAIRED ITSELF ALREADY. "NIGHTWATCH"--
JUST NEED.. TIME TO...
--BUT YOUR SHOULDER-WOUND WON'T GET THE SAME CHANCE.
POOM
AARGH!
IF I MOVE FAST ENOUGH, THE TOP BRANCHES OF THESE TREES SHOULD PROVIDE PERFECT COVER FOR A--
POOM
--TRAP?!
FIGURED THAT SURPRISE GRENADE EARLIER CAME FROM YOUR DIRECTION, BLOOD ROSE...


SKRITCH
BUT I DESIGNED MY VELCRO TEAR-AWAY PATCHES FOR THIS VERY POSSIBILITY, SPIDER-MAN!
STAND-OFF.
YOU WISH, VIGILANTE...
IF THE REST OF THAT OUTFIT IS NEAR AS POWERFUL AS THIS GLOVE--
KRAK
NOT FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, TRENCH--
--BUT THAT'S NOT YOUR PROBLEM ANYMORE...
THWIP
COURSING THROUGH...YOUR BLOODSTREAM... ALREADY...
NIGHTWATCH COSTUME... CURSE..
FOOL-- HRRRH!!


...THE COSTUME WILL BE MINE!
WHAT THE--?!
--DEAD?!
NIGHT-WATCH'S CAPE...?
BUT TRENCH IS ALREADY AS GOOD AS--
THWOK
NO HOSTAGES THIS TIME, BLOOD ROSE...
...JUST ME AND--
BOOT
--RICHARD FISK?!
=UFF=
BUT FISK IS--
I MEAN..
I SAW BLOOD ROSE SHOOT...

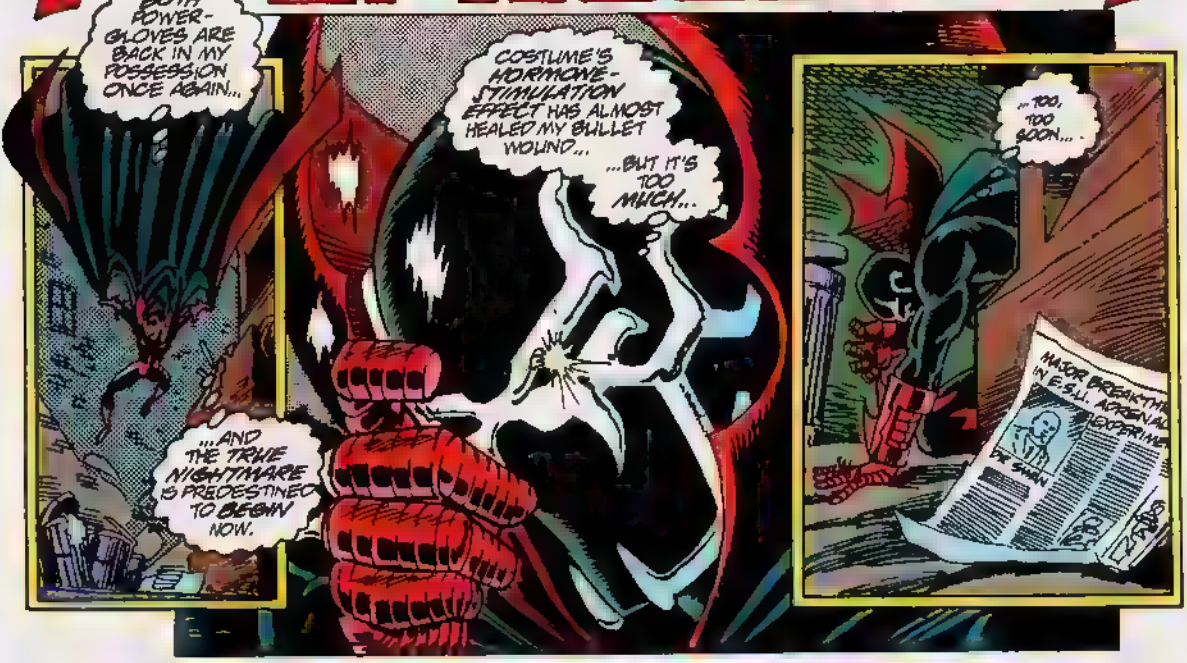

THIS IS WAY TOO WEIRD...
AKK AKK AKK
DIDN'T SEE EXACTLY WHAT WENT DOWN ON THE GROUND--
-- BUT THIS GUY'S GOING TO NEED A SKIN GRAFT IMMEDIATELY...
MY GAUNTLET... MY ARM... MY GAUNTLET...
WAIT A MINUTE!
HE ALMOST LOOKS LIKE A STRONGER WEATHERED VERSION OF...
...RICHARD FISK!
GOT A CALL FROM THE HOME-OWNER, SPIDER-MAN...
...WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
DON'T KNOW HOW YOU PLAN TO HANDLE THE SPARKING ANDROIDS, OFFICERS--
--BUT YOU CAN BOOK FIVE UNCONSCIOUS NEW EN-FORCERS...
SPIZZ
KROOM
SPIZZ
KROOM
POLICE
POLICE
...AND TWO RICHARD FISKS.
PREPARE FOR A LOT OF PAPER-WORK...

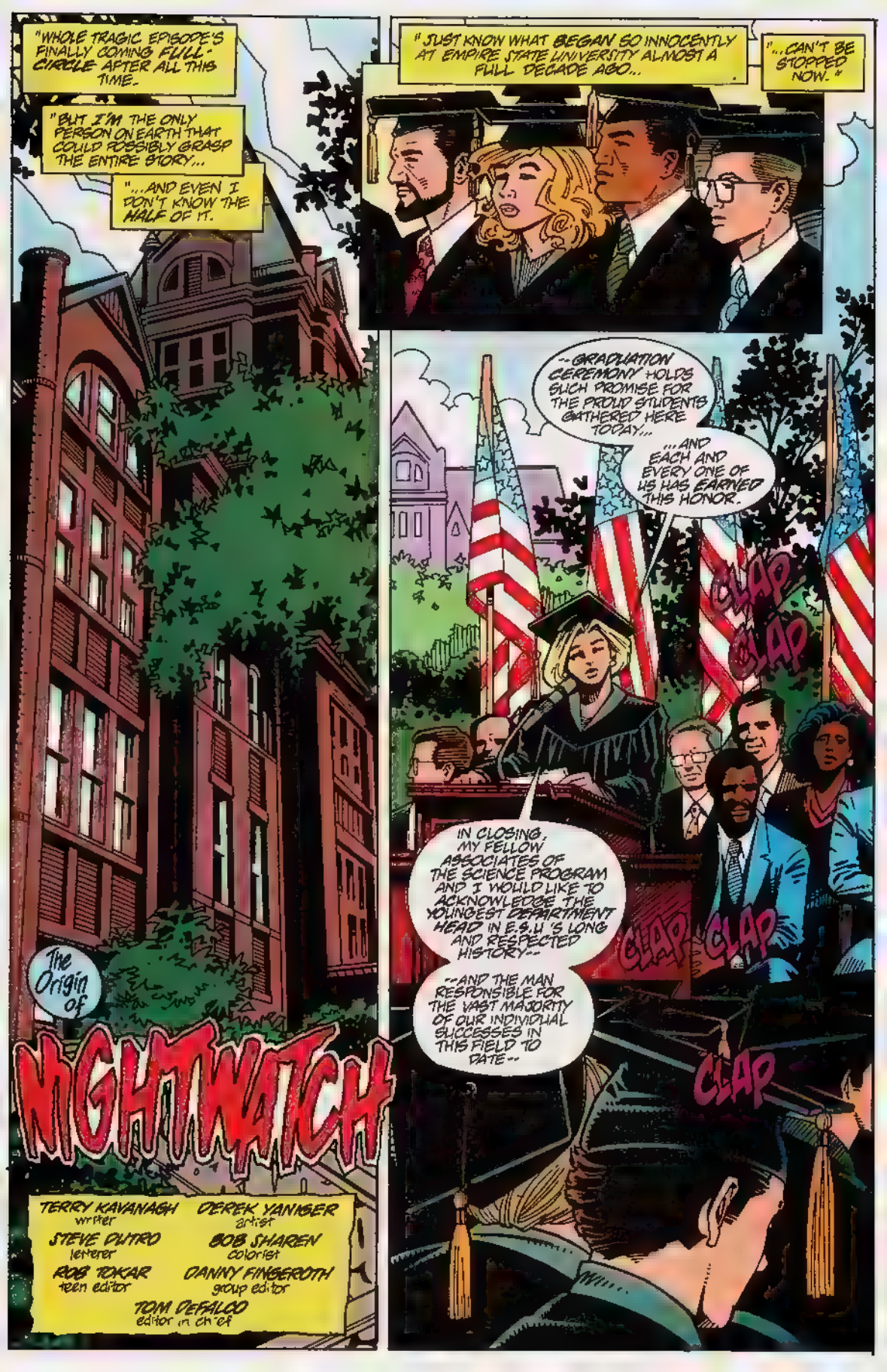
EPILOGUE 1


--STILL DEACTIVATED DREADNOUGHT, SUPER-ADAPTOID, AND DRAGON MAN ARE ALREADY BEING SHIPPED TO THE MAXIMUM-SECURITY VAULT IN COLORADO FOR STUDY.
AND BLITZ, EEL, TANGLE, THERMITE, AND PLANT-MAN ARE AWAITING ARRAIGNMENT IN THE NYPD'S NEW SPECIALLY-CONSTRUCTED DETAINMENT CELLS.
...ALONG WITH BLOOD ROSE AND THE UNIDENTIFIED INJURED MAN, PRESENTLY KNOWN ONLY AS "GAUNTLET".
ONCE AGAIN, WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE DISTURBANCE ON YOUR PROPERTY, MR. GRAYCREST
BUT, IF YOU HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR US,
YOU'VE PUT MY MIND AT EASE, DETECTIVES...
...I'M ONLY SORRY I COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MORE HELP TO YOUR INVESTIGATION.
YOU CERTAINLY TURNED THAT SITUATION AROUND, SIR.
AN ECCENTRIC HERMIT PHILANTHROPIST IS A VALUABLE COMMODITY TO HIS COMMUNITY, PETER.
MONEY COMMANDS RESPECT...

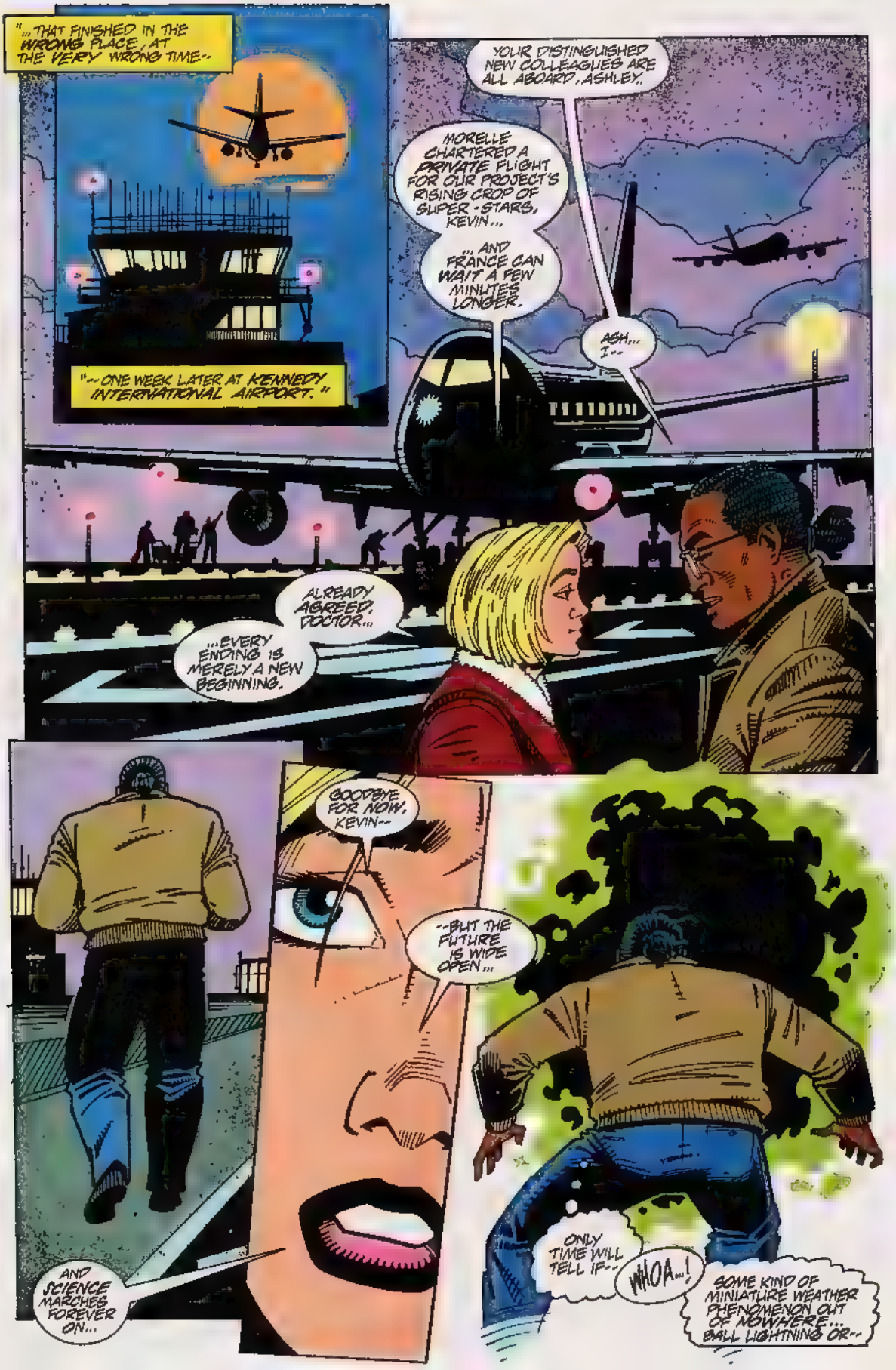
HE DID IT!
THE OUTER CIRCLE TOOK THE FALL COMPLETELY!
BUT SPIDER-MAN SET OUR SCHEDULE BACK SIGNIFICANTLY...
...AND POWER.
DOESN'T MATTER, MENACE.
THIS CITY'S UNDERWORLD WILL SOON BELONG TO THE NEW ENFORCERS!

EPILOGUE 2


BOTH POWER-GLOVES ARE BACK IN MY POSSESSION ONCE AGAIN...
COSTUME'S HORMONE-STIMULATION EFFECT HAS ALMOST HEALED MY BULLET WOUND...
...BUT IT'S TOO MUCH...
...AND THE TRUE NIGHTMARE IS PREDESTINED TO BEGIN NOW.
...TOO, TOO SOON...
MAJOR BREAKTH... IN E.S.U. ADRENAL... EXPERIME...
THE SHAMAN


"WHOLE TRAGIC EPISODE'S FINALLY COMING FULL-CIRCLE AFTER ALL THIS TIME.
"BUT I'M THE ONLY PERSON ON EARTH THAT COULD POSSIBLY GRASP THE ENTIRE STORY...
"...AND EVEN I DON'T KNOW THE HALF OF IT.
"I JUST KNOW WHAT BEGAN SO INNOCENTLY AT EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY ALMOST A FULL DECADE AGO...
"...CAN'T BE STOPPED NOW."
--GRADUATION CEREMONY HOLDS SUCH PROMISE FOR THE PROUD STUDENTS GATHERED HERE TODAY...
...AND EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US HAS EARNED THIS HONOR.
CLAP CLAP
IN CLOSING, MY FELLOW ASSOCIATES OF THE SCIENCE PROGRAM AND I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE YOUNGEST DEPARTMENT HEAD IN E.S.U.'S LONG AND RESPECTED HISTORY--
--AND THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE VAST MAJORITY OF OUR INDIVIDUAL SUCCESSES IN THIS FIELD TO DATE--
CLAP CLAP
CLAP
The Origin of
NIGHTWATCH
TERRY KAVANAGH writer
DEREK YANIGER artist
STEVE DUTRO letterer
BOB SHAREN colorist
ROB TOKAR teen editor
DANNY FINGEROTH group editor
TOM DEFALCO editor in chief

--DOCTOR KEVIN TRENCH.
THANK YOU, MS. CROIX. BUT ALL THAT'S REALLY LEFT TO SAY IS...
..."TRUST YOURSELVES".
AND "GET A JOB"!
CLAP CLAP
CLAP
HA
HA HA
CLAP
NICE SPEECH.
HIGH COMPLIMENT FROM THE QUICKEST CLASS VALEDICTORIAN IN MY EXPERIENCE, ASHLEY.
I SUPPOSE I'M JUST ANXIOUS TO COMMENCE SERIOUS PURSUIT OF MY HORMONAL RESEARCH WITH OTHER SPECIALISTS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR...
.. MORELLE PHARMACEUTICALS IS EXPECTING ME IN PARIS THIS TIME NEXT WEEK.
CONGRATULATIONS ARE CERTAINLY IN ORDER FOR THE EARLY RECOGNITION OF YOUR GROUND-BREAKING GRADUATE WORK--
I MEANT WHAT I SAID UP ON THAT PODIUM, DR. TRENCH...
MY PERSONAL MENTOR DESERVES ALL THE CREDIT.
MMMMMM...?
"BUT SOMETHING STARTED THEN AND THERE BETWEEN US...


"...THAT FINISHED IN THE WRONG PLACE, AT THE VERY WRONG TIME--
"--ONE WEEK LATER AT KENNEDY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT."
YOUR DISTINGUISHED NEW COLLEAGUES ARE ALL ABOARD, ASHLEY.
MORELLE CHARTERED A PRIVATE FLIGHT FOR OUR PROJECT'S RISING CROP OF SUPER-STARS, KEVIN...
...AND FRANCE CAN WAIT A FEW MINUTES LONGER.
ASH... I--
ALREADY AGREED, DOCTOR...
...EVERY ENDING IS MERELY A NEW BEGINNING.
GOODBYE FOR NOW, KEVIN--
--BUT THE FUTURE IS WIDE OPEN...
AND SCIENCE MARCHES FOREVER ON...
ONLY TIME WILL TELL IF--
WHOA...!
SOME KIND OF MINIATURE WEATHER PHENOMENON OUT OF NOWHERE... BALL LIGHTNING OR--

WOK
YEOW!
WOK
ALMOST FELT LIKE--
--INVISIBLE "FISTS"!?
ANOTHER "HOLE" SHIMMERING OPEN IN MID-AIR...
:UHG:
WOK
WOK
HAVE NO FEAR, KEVIN TRENCH...
...BUT MY GLASSES ARE ALREADY BROKEN AND--
:UFF:

YOU SHALL NOT DIE HERE--
THWOK
THWOK
THWOK
WHO...?!
--YET.
NIGHTWATCH LENSES CAN EASILY READ THE HEAT SIGNATURES OF YOUR ASSAILANTS' COSTUMES...
...AND MY CLOAK WILL SEND THIS CAMOUFLAGE CADRE BACK WHERE WE CAME FROM.
THWOK
WHAT--?!
TELE-PORTS ARE SAFELY CLOSED AGAIN, TRENCH...
...AND ALL THAT'S REALLY LEFT TO SAY IS--
DEAD?!
NO!
--"TRUST YOURSELF."
BUT THAT BIRTH-MARK ON HIS NECK...
...THAT'S MY FACE!

HOPEFULLY, THESE "NIGHTWATCH" GOGGLES WILL HELP--
--CLEAR THINGS UP A LITTLE... I!
MASK... TINGLES A LITTLE, BUT I CAN SEE PERFECTLY THROUGH THESE LENSES--EVEN IN THIS PITCH BLACKNESS--
--ALMOST AS IF THEY WERE GROUND TO MY EXACT PRESCRIPTION.
AND THAT DEFINITELY LOOKS LIKE MY BODY--A BIT OLDER MAYBE, A LOT BIGGER DEFINITELY--
--BUT I RECOGNIZE THAT SCAR ON HIS LEFT LEG FROM MY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL DAYS.
HOWEVER, THERE ARE MORE RECENT TRACES OF SOME BROKEN BONES IN THIS RIGHT ARM THAT I NEVER FRACTURED--
--HOLD ON... MY ENIGMATIC SAVIOR DIED TRYING TO HAND ME THIS PIECE OF--
--NEWSPAPER?
BUT THAT DATE MAKES ABSOLUTELY NO--
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AROOWA
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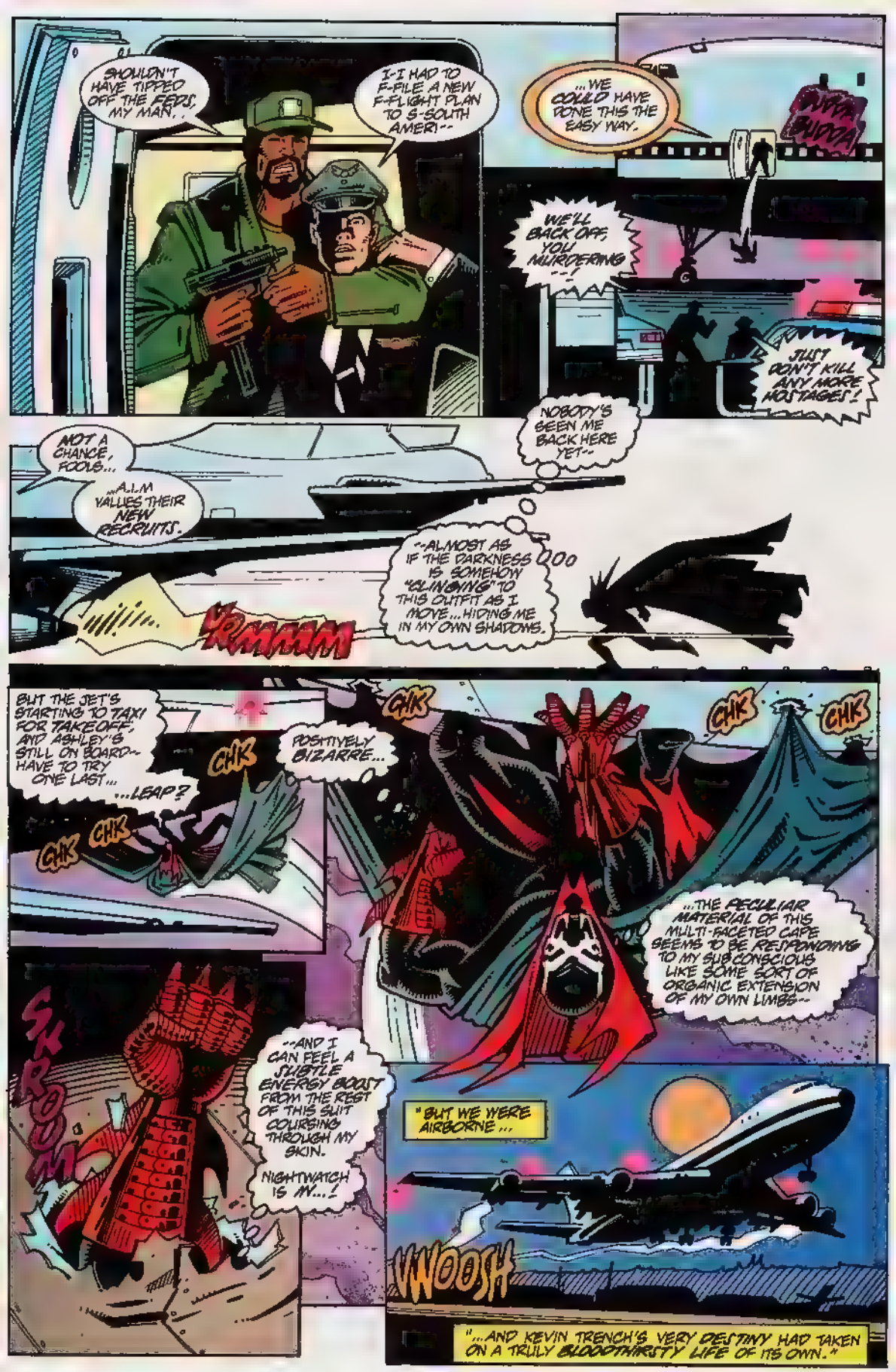
POLICE
FINALLY!

NO-- EMERGENCY AUTHORITIES MUST BE RESPONDING TO ANOTHER CRISIS SITUATION DOWN THE RUNWAY...
...AND I DIDN'T EVEN REALIZE WE WERE HIDDEN IN THE SURROUNDING GLOOM.
AROOWA
AROOWA
ARO-
BUT MY VISION'S SO DISTINCT ONLY BECAUSE NIGHTWATCH'S GEAR IS SO--
--ASHLEY'S PLANE--
--POWERFUL
STATUS UPDATE, SERGEANT...?
THEY'RE BRINGING OUT THE CO-PILOT!
TERRORISTS CLAIM TO BE A.I.M.* AGENTS, CAPTAIN, AND THEIR HARDWARE BACKS THEM UP...
POLICE
...BUT THEY INTEND TO EXPAND THEIR INTERESTS WITH MORELLE PHARMACEUTICAL'S FRESH COLLECTION OF HOT-SHOT SCIENTISTS.
*ADVANCED IDEA MECHANICS. --ROB


SHOULDN'T HAVE TIPPED OFF THE FEDS, MY MAN.
I-I HAD TO F-FILE A NEW F-FLIGHT PLAN TO S-SOUTH AMER!--
...WE COULD HAVE DONE THIS THE EASY WAY.
BUDDA BUDDA
WE'LL BACK OFF, YOU MURDERING --!
JUST DON'T KILL ANY MORE HOSTAGES!
NOBODY'S SEEN ME BACK HERE YET--
NOT A CHANCE, FOOLS...
...A.I.M VALUES THEIR NEW RECRUITS.
--ALMOST AS IF THE DARKNESS IS SOMEHOW "CLINGING" TO THIS OUTFIT AS I MOVE...HIDING ME IN MY OWN SHADOWS.
RRRRRR
BUT THE JET'S STARTING TO TAXI FOR TAKEOFF, AND ASHLEY'S STILL ON BOARD-- HAVE TO TRY ONE LAST...
...LEAP?
CHK
CHK
CHK
POSITIVELY BIZARRE...
CHK
CHK
CHK
...THE PECULIAR MATERIAL OF THIS MULTI-FACETED CAPE SEEMS TO BE RESPONDING TO MY SUBCONSCIOUS LIKE SOME SORT OF ORGANIC EXTENSION OF MY OWN LIMBS--
SKROUM
--AND I CAN FEEL A SUBTLE ENERGY BOOST FROM THE REST OF THIS SUIT COURSING THROUGH MY SKIN.
NIGHTWATCH IS MY...!
"BUT WE WERE AIRBORNE..."
VWOOSH
"...AND KEVIN TRENCH'S VERY DESTINY HAD TAKEN ON A TRULY BLOODTHIRSTY LIFE OF ITS OWN."

WHO THE H--?!
TOLD YOU I HEARD SOMETHING BACK HERE!
WASN'T EXPECTING GUARDS IN THE CARGO HOLD... HOW AM I GOING TO GET TO ASHLEY BEFORE--
THWOK
NO...?!
THWAK
CLOAK'S COMPLETELY OUT OF CONTROL...
...AND THESE IDIOTS ARE FIRING BLINDLY INTO THE SPARKING FUSELAGE--
UHFF...
...NOW THE CAPE'S THROWING ME RIGHT OUT INTO OPEN--
BAROOM
SKREE
FWOOSH
ASHLEEEY!
"OF COURSE, I PROBABLY SUSPECTED EVEN THEN THAT THE NIGHTWATCH GARB ITSELF HAS NO CAPACITY AT ALL TO ACT INDEPENDENTLY--!"

"THAT THE MAN UNDER THE MASK HAD TO TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS ACTIONS... AND THEIR ALL-TOO DIRE CONSEQUENCES.
"SO THE DISCOVERY OF 'MY' BATTERED CORPSE SOME DISTANCE FROM THE MORELLE WRECKAGE ONLY PROVED THE HORRIFIC TRUTH...
"...KEVIN TRENCH WAS UNDENIABLY HIS OWN WORST ENEMY.
AGEDY AT KENNE
Toll Rises as Authorities Sift Thru W
Authorities are still baffled by the cr
vately-chartered flight to Paris, ca
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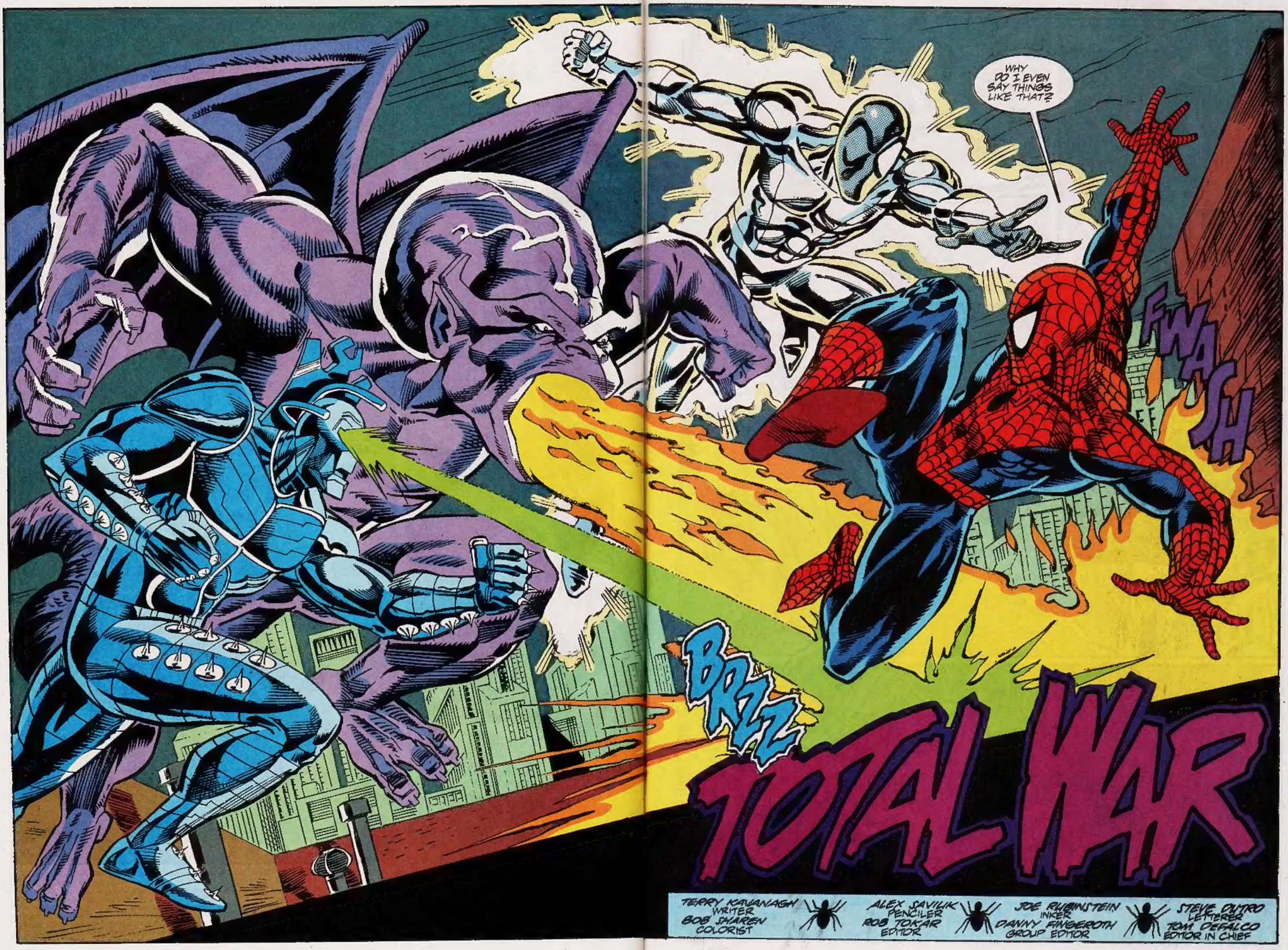
agedy struck at 10:16 pm., Friday evening at
Comedy Airport. Although unconfirmed reports
ndicate an armed cadre of terrorists--representing
Advanced Idea Mechanics, the international
munitions manufacturers--had commandeered the
plane before take-off, officials refuse to confirm
that the cause of the fatal malfunction was bullet
holes found in pieces of the fuselage until the
pilot's black box is recovered.
According to Harley Pepper--
head of the P.A.A. investigation
team--the death toll of 42 bodies
indicates that the small crew and all
passengers were killed. But Pepper
added that the P.A.A. is puzzled by
the discovery of an
Dr. Kevin Trench
"AND WHEN I REALIZED THAT MY CURSED COSTUME SELF-REPAIRED FASTER THAN I COULD DESTROY IT...
"...I RESOLVED TO PERMANENTLY ELIMINATE NIGHTWATCH'S POTENTIAL DANGER TO CIVILIZATION BY EXILING HIS TO A PREVIOUSLY-UNDISCOVERED CARIBBEAN ISLAND.
"EVENTUALLY I ACCEPTED THAT I WOULD NEVER FULLY COMPREHEND HOW I COULD COME BACK THROUGH TIME TO SAVE MY OWN LIFE...THEN DIE RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES.
"I WAS DETERMINED TO OUTWIT FATE FOREVER SIMPLY BY AVOIDING IT...
"...AND I NEVER REALLY HAD A CHANCE.
"WHEN THE MAN I CAME TO KNOW AS GAUNTLET WASHED UP ON MY SOLITARY ISLE JUST WEEKS AGO, EVENTS FINALLY CONSPIRED TO FORCE ME BACK TO NEW YORK CITY..."*
* WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #97-99 --ROB

...COMPLETING THE VICIOUS CYCLE.
I CAN NO LONGER RUN FROM TOMORROW--
--THE FUTURE OF NIGHTWATCH IS NOW!
THE ADVENTURES OF NIGHTWATCH CONTINUE IN WEB OF SPIDER-MAN ANNUAL #9...!


WHY DO I EVEN SAY THINGS LIKE THAT?
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